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I AM



THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

By President Hugh B. Brown

Of The First Presidency

★ Little is known of the details of the Master's sojourn on the earth except during those three transcendent years of His ministry, the most eventful years of history. If we are to get a proper concept of the moral and spiritual significance and splendor of His unique life — from Bethlehem to Bethany — we must view it in the light of eternity.

He lived His life on this earth at the summit of time, and on the high point of that summit we see the light of the resurrection, the most glorious beacon in the universe, flashing hope and courage to a benighted world. Let us from that eminence look back—back beyond Eden, and there we shall find that Jesus the Christ was with God the Father in the beginning.

And that beginning must have antedated the beginning of which we read in Genesis when the earth was created, for the obvious reason that He was its Creator. Yes, He lived before time began as we understand time. There is

ample scriptural evidence to support the belief that Christ had a pre-mortal existence. I should like to refer to one or two.

He Was In The Beginning

John, in his inspired preface, said:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

"The same was in the beginning with God.

"All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made . . .

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (John 1:1-3,14.)

To this wonderful testimony Paul adds this corroboration:

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether

they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

"And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."
(Colossians 1:16-17.)

He Previously Existed

And the writer of Hebrews adds:

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets.

"Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made worlds:" (Hebrews 1:1-2.)

Jesus Himself referred to His pre-existence many times; for instance He said:

"For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." (John 6:38.)

And then in that greatest of all prayers we find the poignant passage:

"And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." (Ibid., 17:5.)

At another time He chidingly spoke to His uncomprehending followers and said:

". . . Doth this offend you?

"What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?" (Ibid., 6:61-62.)

Proofs Confirm Our Faith

These proofs of Christ's pre-existence confirm our faith in the immortality of the soul for if the spirit had an existence before the body was created, so that spirit is capable of independent existence after the body dies.

The fact that He came forth from the tomb with spirit and body reunited—and this is the central fact in the

teachings of the apostles—gives divine assurance that we too, through His atoning sacrifice, shall partake of the blessings of the resurrection. Harken to His promise:

". . . I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

"And let us read together the words of John, written while He was on the Isle of Patmos, as recorded in Revelation.

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: . . ." (Revelation 1:7.)

"And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, . . ." (Idem, 17-18.)

John continues:

"And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: . . .

"And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." (Ibid., 19:1, 16.)

John Saw Things To Come

Furthermore:

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out

Resurrection

of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. . . .

"And he said unto me. It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. . . ." (Ibid., 21:2,6.)

Zechariah said that when the Master shall appear He will stand on the Mount of Olives, and the mount shall be cleft in twain, and they beholding the wounds in His hands shall ask whence these wounds, and He shall reply,

". . . Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends." (Zechariah 13:6.)

"And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain

shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south." (Ibid., 14:4.)

Proclaim Pre-Existence

We proclaim the pre-existence and divine nature of Christ, the purpose of His life, the reality of His resurrection and the certainty of His second coming as eternal and well-attested truths and prophetic promises. They have illuminating and inspired significance for our troubled world. They are our heritage from the Judeo-Christian world, clarified and amplified by modern revelation.

They are relevant to our time and age, which, as the late Adlai Stevenson pointed out, "is a time of conflict of ideology, as a time of ferment in technology, a period of revolution in science, . . . an era when at last the means lie at hand to free mankind from the ancient shackles of pain and hunger.

It is all these things, but the true crisis of our times lies at a deeper level.

All this freedom and elbow room only thrusts onto us with more force the fundamental issue of faith that is in us."

As the late A. Powell Davies said: "The world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but brotherhood."

Re-affirmation Of Truths

There must be a re-affirmation of the truths concerning the fatherhood of God, the Godhood of Christ, and the brotherhood of man. Truths for which the Saviour gave His life. Truth and brotherhood, love of God and fellow men, will make men free and establish peace in a world which is threatened with a devastating and final war.



Can't Erase Him From Man's Heart

The truculent and blasphemous attempts of communist ideologies to erase Christ from literature and to expunge all memory of Him from the hearts and minds of men, in order to degrade and enslave men, must fail, for as God made man in His own image, so His image is indelibly stamped on the souls of men, and instinctively they know that they are the sons of God.

The challenge of evil with its inevitable confusion tends to make the relevance of Christ's life and message more apparent and the application of His divine teachings more urgent.

It would be cowardly almost to point

of treason to dilute water down, and make insipid the soul-saving of these glorious truths. Indeed, as Paul said: "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, . . .

"And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:10-11.)

We humbly but fearlessly add to the testimonies of the prophets and apostles of old our witness that He lives, that He is a personal being, that He will come again with His resurrected, glorified body still bearing the marks of the crucifixion and that there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.



THE TRIAL

He went to the Garden to Pray
For He knew the hour was nigh,
For Him to make the sacrifice
To suffer, bleed and die.

They knew Him because of the kiss
Judas placed on the Master's cheek,
Jesus knew His betrayal was coming
For He knew that Judas was weak.

The trial was short and shameful
Pilate knew it was a sham,
But they clamoured for the Saviour's life,
Must He condemn this Man?

He knew Our Lord was innocent
He moved to stem the tide
Of the superstitious, surging Mob
Whose mad cry was "CRUCIFY."

Jesus carried His cross to Calvary
Death—It's ransom price had won
For His life was dedicated
To atone for everyone.

The bitter cup of death descended
"It is finished," He softly said,
They had crucified our Saviour
The Son of God was dead.

He Our Lord and Prince of Peace
Yet He was unadorned
His only Regal Raiment
WAS A CROWN—OF PLATTED THORNS.

"Thus written it behooved our Christ"
To suffer, die—again arise,
Three days His body in the tomb
Was not seen by Mortal eyes.

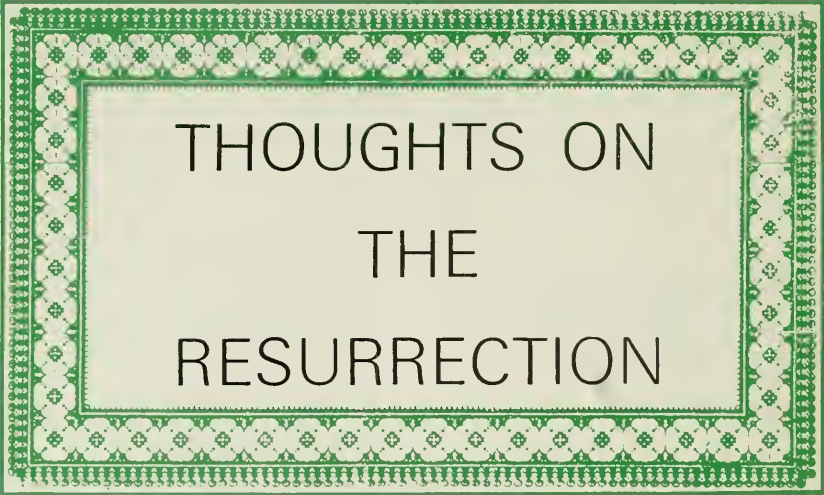
Three days, darkest doom had passed
Again He came unto His own,
To mark the path and lead the way
To our Father and Our Heavenly Home.

He blessed those whom He dearly loved
Prayed for those whose sin was cursed,
"Peace I leave with you." He said
As He Ascended from this earth.

Now today our hearts are full
Of gratitude for Him, who gave
A loving grace to mortal life
Honour to a conquered grave.

I know that my Redeemer Lives
I know He loves and cares for me,
God make me worthy of this gift—
Life—through all Eternity!

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THOUGHTS ON THE RESURRECTION

By Elder Elray L. Christiansen

Assistant to the Twelve

★ The following thoughts on the reality of the resurrection were expressed recently by Elder ElRay L. Christiansen, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve:

There is nothing more certain than the resurrection of the body; there is nothing more universal than the resurrection.

I do not pretend to understand all the complexities of this great event; neither do I know just how the food that I eat is assimilated and transformed, some into bone, some into muscle, some into blood, some into digestive juices. I am not concerned about the process as I am about the fact.

What an enlightening thought is this one expressed by President Joseph Fielding Smith that "every fundamental part of every body will be restored to its proper place in the resurrection, no

matter what may become of the body in death. If it is burned by fire, lost at sea, no matter what. Every fundamental part of it will be restored to its own proper place."

Raised To Immortality

One thing we must keep in mind; all persons will, as a gift of the Redeemer, be raised from mortality to immortality, with perfect bodies, no more subject to aches, or pains, or high blood pressure, or arthritis, or disease, or any kind of physical deformity.

But, in order to have the fullness of joy and the fullness of opportunity, and that peace which passeth understanding and all opportunities in the resurrection—in order to have these blessings, we must earn them through obedience to God, and through service to others.



Through the justice of God, each of us will receive exactly what he merits. Each will be raised to a condition commensurate with that for which he has qualified himself.

The gifts and abilities we have developed here will be restored to us. The knowledge and intelligence we have acquired will continue with us. Our attitudes, our weaknesses, our vir-

tues, our positive attributes will be part of us. Indeed, what we are to be, we are now becoming.

Reap What We Sow

We are taught in the Book of Mormon that we shall in the resurrection "have a perfect knowledge of all our guilt, and our uncleanness . . . and the righteous shall have a perfect knowledge of their enjoyment, and their righteousness . . ." (2 Nephi 9:14)

God organized our spirits and our bodies and then, in His great wisdom, permitted us to create or shape our future. We are reaping in this life what we have sown in the pre-existence. We shall reap hereafter what we now sow.

It was in harmony with this principle that the Prophet Joseph Smith taught the divine truth that "whatever principle of intelligence we attain unto in this life, it will rise with us in the resurrection."

"For what doth it profit a man if a gift is bestowed upon him, and he receive not the gift? Behold, he rejoices not in that which is given unto him, neither rejoices in him who is the giver of the gift." (D&C 88: 32-33)

Such, then, is the reality of life after death.





—The Resurrected Christ

Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself:
handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and
bones, as ye se me have.

Luke 24:39

Signs And Events Of The Resurrection

By Elder John Longden

Assistant to the Twelve

★ Christians everywhere talk of the resurrection. I should like to call to your attention the second coming of Jesus Christ. The signs and events preceding His second coming are clearly taught in the scriptures and furthermore are being fulfilled now.

By way of review, while the Saviour was upon the earth on one occasion:

"The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven.

"He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red.

"And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" (Matt. 16:1-3.)

Let No Man Deceive You

I well remember as a boy in England hearing this statement many times. "Red sky at night, sailors take delight. Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning."

Later, the Saviour sat upon the Mount of Olives; the disciples came unto him privately, saying: "... Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

"For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

"And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

"And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Ibid., 24:3-7, 10-14.)

Signs Everywhere Today

Think of the signs and events of the past several weeks—world-wide, bearing in on these predictions. We note, then, as the time approached for the Saviour's departure from His disciples, He instructed them in relation to conditions which would prevail on the earth preceding His second coming. Peoples of the earth would reject Him and His mission.

False doctrines would arise and there would be wars and rumours of wars because of the difficulties that would arise in the hearts of men. Nation would rise against nation. Peace would be taken from the earth, but His disciples should endeavour to remain faithful and true to their covenants to the end.

As we review the happenings of the past few years, we realize the most dreadful wars of all time have been fought in this dispensation, and the end is not yet. There are uprisings in many, many countries today. We have signs in the heavens and in the earth. Have they become so common we fail to recognize them?

In recent years, around the world, we have had some of the most destructive earthquakes of history. Distress in and among nations is increasing daily. Will anyone say that men's hearts are not failing them? Today, millions of people sit and tremble in fear of what may happen. The wickedness of the world increases. Nations are preparing more earnestly than ever before for the final great struggle.

Signs Of Unusual Proportions

Among the wonderful signs which would be given to indicate the near approach of His advent, there would not only be wars but also earthquakes in divers places, distress among nations, elements in commotion in tornados and hurricanes, the sea heaving itself beyond its bounds. There would be signs in the heavens as well as in the earth of unusual proportions. To impress His disciples that these events would surely come, the Saviour said:

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." (Ibid., 24:35-36.)

Today weapons are being made more dreadful than ever before, and fear enters into the hearts of all people. Is it so that we are able to see that the sky is red in the morning or in the evening and yet fail to see the signs in the heavens or in the earth? Surely there will be signs among the heavenly bodies before the end shall come. The earth will reel, the sun be darkened the moon not give its light.

Is the airplane flying in the skies from one country to another a sign? The heavens are filled with them, and people are fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah 60:8. "Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?"

Moreover are not the missiles which are shot into the outer space and which revolve around the earth signs? Will anyone say that these do not, in a large measure, come under the prediction made by the Lord on the Mount of

Signs And Events



"But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

"Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."
(Luke 17:26-30.)

Or as Peter predicted in 2 Peter 3:3-4: "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,
"And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? . . ."

Have Testimony Need Not Fear

True, the precise time of Christ's coming has not been made known to men. Yet I have no fear in my heart. Neither has anyone with a testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By learning to comprehend the signs of the times, by watching the development of the work of God among the nations, and by noting the rapid fulfilment of significant prophecies, we may perceive the progressive evidence of the approaching event; but the hour or the day, no man knoweth, neither the angels in heaven nor shall they know until he comes.

His coming will be a surprise to those who have ignored His warnings and who have failed to watch. Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Likewise, Peter predicted the Saints also shall hardly escape. Nevertheless I, the Lord, am with them. (See 1 Pet. 4:18.) This is a great promise to those who will keep their covenants. Another sure sign to take place before His second coming was the restoration of the Gospel and kingdom here on earth

Olives almost 2,000 years ago? Surely they are signs in the heavens, and there will yet come other signs as the Lord has promised.

Hearts Of Men Are Failing

It appears that the trouble brewing in this world in which the hearts of men are failing them is here, and other even greater manifestations of the near approach of the Lord are yet to come. Will we be in a category of the people in the days of Noah as recorded in Luke? "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

"They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

"Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

of the Lord Jesus Christ. This we testify took place 138 years ago.

The scriptures are replete with testimonies pertaining to the second coming of Jesus Christ. I would have you note Job and the Prophet Daniel, also the words of the Apostles after the crucifixion of Jesus: "... this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11.)

Behoooves All To Be Ready

Timothy had this to say: "... and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time. ..." Heb. 9: 28.) Likewise the Apostle Paul had this firm conviction when he said: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God:

..." (1 Thess. 4:16.)

But the crowing testimony of all is from the Saviour of the world Himself: "... I am Jesus Christ, who cometh quickly, in an hour you think not" (D&C 51:20), given by revelation from the Lord to the Prophet Joseph Smith in May 1831.

May we be in the category predicted by the Saviour: "But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." (Mat. 24:43-44.)

May we then observe the signs which are so evident and have the desire to labour and watch and so live as if the Saviour were going to come today.





WATCH WITH ME

"Watch with me," the Saviour said,
And then He knelt to pray
In the garden of Gethsemane,
Upon that fateful day.

"Watch with me," yet on return
He found them all asleep,
His brethren's eyes were heavy,
Good watch they could not keep.

"Watch with me," He whispered low,
Then turned to pray and find,
Through pain and suffering so slow,
Salvation for mankind.

"Watch with me," not "Go with me," . . .
Golgotha's hill He trod
With rude and weighted wooden cross,
The wondrous Son of God.

"Watch with me," not "die with me!"
Upon the carven tree
He suffered, died, and saved the world
Through all eternity.

"Watch with me," as Mary did,
When to His tomb she came
She saw Him standing there, and did not
Even know His name.

"Watch with me," and "Mary,"
The one word told her all.
"Master," she cried, and worshipped Him,
Upon her knees did fall.

"Watch with me," is this so great
A thing the Saviour asks
That we should ever strive to do
The simple daily tasks?

"Watch with me," "I'll follow
Along Thy narrow way.
Please comfort me, uphold me
On our Father's Judgement Day."

Gillian Brown-Lee

How I Teach My Children About The Resurrection

By Margaret Woods

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★ "What is the resurrection?" I suddenly asked my nine year old and quickly came the reply—"When somebody comes to life again." The ensuing conversation reassured me that he understood that the spirit would again inhabit the body which would rise from the grave.

It made me think of my own childhood conceptions of death and the resurrection. Our mother was a good, humble church-goer. My earliest memories were intermingled with the prayers she taught me to say and her interest in Bible stories. But she had then been denied a knowledge of the true gospel.

One Good-Friday morning, my sisters and I sat on "Mom's" bed discussing the crucifixion. I was the youngest, about six or seven years old, and the feeling I had for Easter at that time, remained with me until I became a Latter-day Saint—the accent being on the death of our Lord.

We went to church on Easter Sunday and sang our hearts out "Christ is risen from the dead," but we did not comprehend the full meaning, it was His death that really impressed us, as it did on every other Sunday when we gustily sang about the glory of the cross. The very idea that we too would one day be resurrected, never came

into it. We should probably have been extremely shocked if anyone had said so.

Understand

Living as we do, in a community where the stress seems to be laid only on the crucifixion of our Lord, it is of the greatest importance to ensure that our children know the full story and are well informed as to why this occurred, why it was necessary, but especially what resulted and how it was to affect us personally.

First, a child must understand what death is and that when the body of flesh dies, the spirit lives on. If our child is one that talks to and confides in us, we will soon learn when he is worried about what happens to us when we die. Without labouring the subject, we can discuss and instruct in simple terms.

Avoiding the issue will not make it disappear and the sooner a young person begins to learn that existence is a serious process, the sooner he will accept his role as a responsible member of his community and be better equipped to cope. In comparison, his enjoyment of the pleasant and happy experiences will most certainly become greater.

A child who desires to look upon the face of a dear grandparent who has just died and does so without horror but with a loving respect and a voiced knowledge of the fact that the body is very tired and the spirit has gone ahead one day to return, is well on the way to understanding.

Use Examples For Teaching

To some, it may seem dismal or even crude to use such incidents of life to instruct a child but as our Lord taught from the examples around Him because this was the simplest way for the disciples to understand, so it is easiest to explain to our children from our day to day happenings. (In this way, the arrival of a new baby gives rise to talk regarding our coming to earth to gain a body.)

Children's minds are not usually devious. They form straight forward pictures about what they are told. It can be pleasing, though perhaps disturbing,

to discover that as a parent your words are taken literally, without question, and that whatever anyone else says to the contrary is disregarded by your child. This is a happy state of affairs since it ensures success so long as the story is absolutely correct when delivered in the first place.

With the resurrection, as with everything else, it is a matter of having one's facts straight and then passing them on. The time to do this is when the subject arises or when the child has sufficient intelligence to take the information. Sunday School and Primary help enormously in the spiritual education of our children but it is in the home that the greatest impressions are made.

Family Gospel discussions and Home Evening lessons all contribute but particularly effective are those special few minutes with father or mother when a child says, "Sit on my bed mommy and talk for a bit."



Thoughts Of A Youth At Easter

by Michele McConkie

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"So live, that when thy summons comes
to join

The innumerable caravan, which moves
To that mysterious realm where each
shall take

His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained
and soothed

By an unfaltering trust, approach thy
grave,

Like one who wraps the drapery of his
couch

About him and lies down to pleasant
dreams."^{*}

★ To a righteous person, death should hold no terror. "An unfaltering trust" in the reality of God and in the divinity of His Son gives us a wonderful sense of security. When our loved ones die, what comforting assurance the doctrine of immortality gives us. The knowledge that we will be reunited at another time is a beautiful concept. John said

". . . whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

As Latter-day Saints we are ceaselessly striving to perfect ourselves and to follow the commandments of the Lord. If we are successful in our earthly probation and our lives are virtuous, then death comes as a pleasant experience.

President McKay says that it is "the door to immortality and eternal life." It is more than an incident in the natural sequence of our progression.

We should aspire to gain the beautiful attitude towards death that Paul described when he said, "For I am already being offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that

day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."

The most important aspect of Christ's earthly mission was to die and be resurrected thus setting a pattern for mankind, a promise of hope and joy. Paul speaks of this, "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead . . . For

this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. . .

O death, where is thy sting?

O grave, where is thy victory?"

The true glory of the message of the resurrection is best described in these simple words of our president. "Christ is truly risen, and through Him man's immortality is assured."

* "Thanatopsis", William C. Bryant



RECIPES FOR YOU



Margaret Hamstead of London Stake has shared two of her special recipes with us. She is the wife of Joseph E. Hamstead, president of London Stake. She serves on the Stake Board of the Relief Society.

ORANGE BRAISED PORK CHOPS

6 loin pork chops cut 1 inch thick
2 tbsps. flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
1 tbsp. brown sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. ginger
1 tbsp. grated orange peel
1 cup orange juice
1 cup orange sections

Dredge chops in flour and salt mixture. Brown chops in shortening. Mix following ingredients and pour over chops. Cover and simmer 40-45 minutes until tender. Serves 6.

APPLE AND NUT CAKE

8 ozs. sugar
2 ozs. butter
1 egg
1 tsp. soda
4 ozs. flour
1 tsp. cinnamon
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. nutmeg
2 cups finely chopped apple
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely chopped walnuts
1 teaspoon almond or vanilla essence

Cream together sugar and butter; add egg and beat well. Sift together dry ingredients and add to first mixture. Add apples, nuts and flavouring. Bake in a buttered baking dish or pie plate for 35-40 minutes in a moderate oven. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream.

Helpful Hints

Sister Hamstead offers these household hints to save time and work.

Greaseless Griddle Cakes

When making griddle cakes grease the pan for the first cake. After, rub a piece of raw potatoe over the hot griddle instead of greasing. The cakes brown nicely and there will be no smoke.

Sugar in Fruit Pies

When making fruit pies sprinkle the sugar under the fruit instead of on the top. The juice will boil up through the fruit and not out and over the top.

Custard Pie

When a custard pie shrinks away from the crust, it has been baked in too hot an oven.

Cream Pies

To prevent the bottom pie crust from becoming soggy, grease pie plate with butter. The crust will be soft and flaky.

Cookies

When making cookies, add one teaspoon of jam or jelly. The cookies will have a better flavour and will stay moist longer.

To Sour Milk

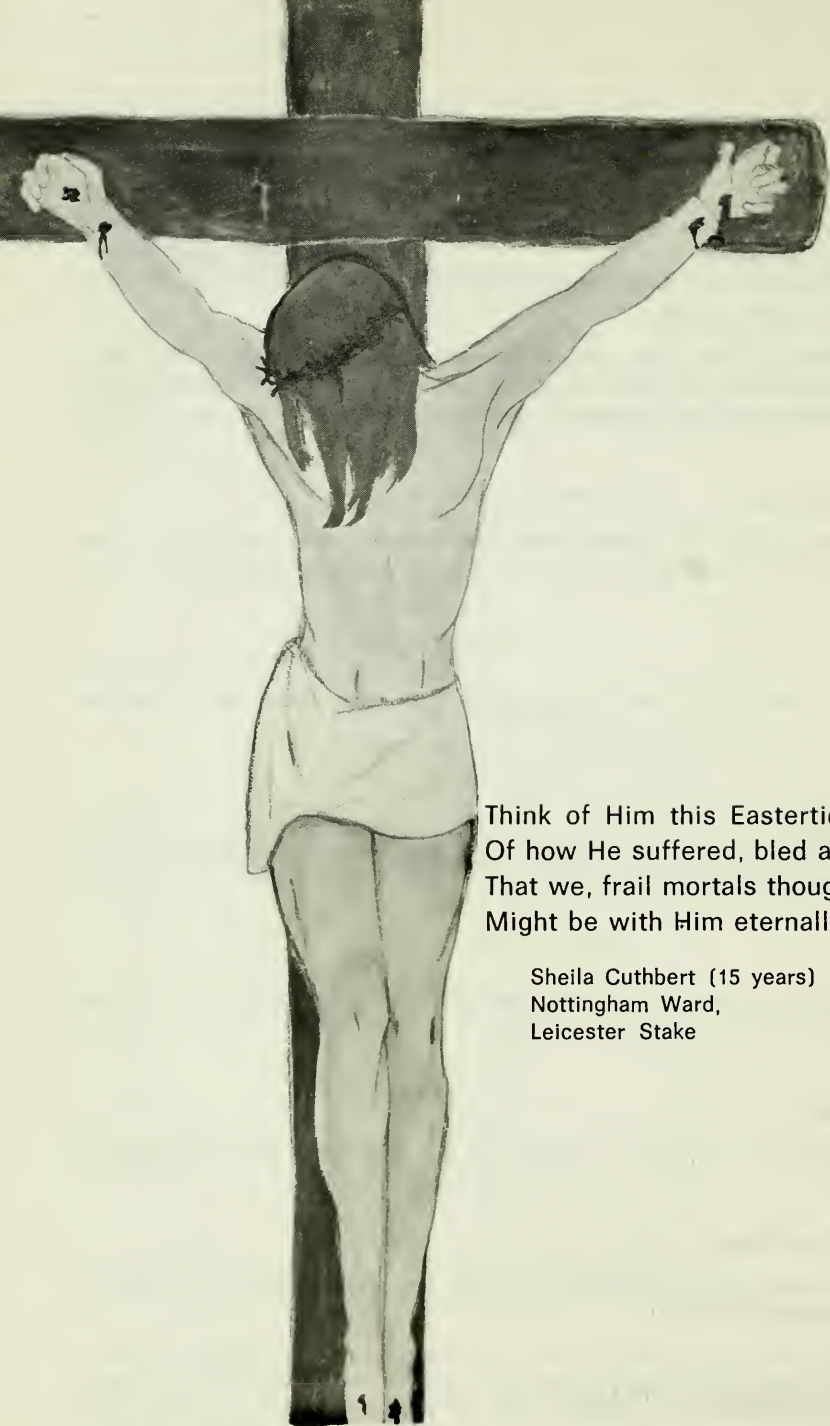
Two teaspoons of lemon juice added to one cup of milk will sour it immediately.

Chocolate and Cocoa

To substitute cocoa for chocolate squares, melt one tablespoon of butter to three tablespoons of cocoa.

Gentleman's Agreement with Life:

"Put back more than you take out."



Think of Him this Eastertide,
Of how He suffered, bled and died.
That we, frail mortals though we be,
Might be with Him eternally.

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(Poem and picture of Jesus, Both are by Miss Cuthbert.)

WHAT EASTER MEANS TO ME

By Carolyn Milligan

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★ Ask anyone what Easter really means to them—It is a time for chocolate eggs, fluffy lambs and extravagantly flowered hats. It's a nice time to have a few days holiday. But our Lord was crucified! How many of us remember this? What should Easter mean to us? What does it mean to Latter-day Saints?

Easter is a time of sadness, mingled with a deep sense of spiritual joy—"Our dear Lord was crucified, He died to save us all." We are most of us conscious of Jesus, at all times, but Easter is a time when we can really extend our thoughts and ponder with respect on the knowledge of His sacrifice. Think about the great love He has for all of us and the devotion He showed to His Father in Heaven, that Easter time so long ago.

How do you feel at the knowledge of Jesus lying nailed on the cross, suffering not only physical pain but mental torture, as He took upon Himself all

the sins of the children of men? Can you feel anything but shame—sorrow—at the thought of how we failed our Heavenly Father by allowing His only Son to suffer for our wrong-doings?

Thy Will Be Done

Try to imagine what it must have been like—Try to put yourself in our Lord's place. He knew He had only to say 'no' and His Father would have saved Him from that horrible death. Yet knowing the way in which He was to die, crowned with thorns and nailed upon a cross—He said "let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will but as Thou wilt."

Were you there when they crucified our Lord? If we are honest with ourselves we know that we all helped to put Jesus on His cross. Every attitude present on that hilltop then, is in our midst now—Every emotion that tugged at human hearts then, tugs at them now—every face, every voice was there. On that agonising day at Calvary, every sin that could or did exist was

represented. No wonder His heart was broken—no wonder the earth stayed in darkness when He was dying.

Every sin was in a nail, or a spear, or a thorn—and pardon for them all in the blood that was shed.

They hurled His own words back at Him but their words were like poisoned arrows—

"He saved others, Himself He cannot save, Yes, He healed the cripples, He gave sight to the blind, He made withered limbs whole again—

He even brought back the dead, but He cannot save himself."

"If thou be the Christ, come down from the cross." They shouted until they were hoarse. The noise was so great that only a few of them standing near the cross, heard what He said when His lips moved in prayer "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

How To Repay Him

What joy is mingled with our tears; how can we ever repay Him?

We can never completely repay the debt we owe to Jesus, but we can live better lives and progress in the Gospel so that when we meet Him we can say "Because I remembered Easter, I did this . . ." The commandments given us by our Father are made more important by the crucifixion. This should be our starting point—

The opportunity to remember Easter is given to us, as Latter-day Saints, every Sunday when we partake of the Sacrament. Do we really appreciate this moment?

Easter is a time for happiness and joy as well as sorrow but let us first give thanks and praise to our Lord for His mercy and let us also say "Not as I will, but as Thou wilt."

So this Easter time—let us endeavour, amidst chocolates, hats and flowers, to regard the occasion with the respect it deserves and needs.

Easter is today, tomorrow and always. Easter belongs to our Lord.

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In that quiet hour when evening turns to night,
Have you not noticed how the tempo slows,
How in the cooling air, and fading light,
Each bird, beast, flower, Is ready for repose?

So in life's whirling and tempestuous flight,
There comes a time when every person knows
That gentle slowing down, that brief respite,
That gives one time to ponder on a rose,
To savour sights and sounds with sweet delight,
Or, growing elderly, to sit and doze.

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Fashions In Our Time

By Sister M. J. Crimes
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★ Fashions in our time are both peculiar and fabulous, depending on your age, attitude and upbringing. "What are we to do?" many parents ask. We remember the criticism we suffered over our fashions and fancies when younger. We do not want our children to feel out of it or too dull to take any interest in their clothes.

After a great deal of thought I believe the best standard to set for ourselves and our children is this one: "Do I glorify my Father in Heaven?" This standard sets a personal responsibility on any aspect of our ambitions and casts away the confusion of fashionable opinions which beset any generation.

We have such beautiful young people about us and naturally they want to show this beauty off. Parents should encourage their children in this in the best way possible. What better way

than setting an example of "glorifying our Father in Heaven?"

Prepare By Example

You may be fair, fat and forty but there's no need to revel in it by looking it or even staying like it. Too often it does not glorify our Heavenly Father. It's not too difficult to see why young people refuse to follow their parents example.

In most cases it is running away from the problem for them, only to meet up with it, ill equipped and unready, later in their lives. Let us, who need to, prepare them now by our example. Most Latter-day Saint women display the simple good taste which is the key note of good fashion sense, but some just don't care.

Does anyone have to wear a brown skirt with a navy sweater and a green cardigan? So, you're hard up and cold. Wouldn't it look nicer to button up the cardigan properly and hide most of the

navy sweater? And who needs to wear three pieces of heavy jangly jewelery? That's hard competition for the most radiant of smiles. These are small complaints compared with others seen. Carelessness about one's appearance does not "glorify our Father in Heaven."

Use Common Sense

This earth life is full of wonderful experiences, and learning to clothe our bodies in a way which is pleasing to our Heavenly Father can be one of them. If these ideas appear to be advocating that we put clothes on too high a plane, consider this thought. If God hadn't loved beauty, would He have given us the flowers, trees and shrubs in such a glorious array?

He knew that beauty enriches the lives of all who behold it. Every Latter-day Saint woman needs to be aware of the joy she can bring to herself and others by taking care in her appearance.

To achieve this need not cost a lot of money. It requires the effort of using the gift of common sense. You may not think you have this gift, but you can gain it. Magazines, our own Relief Society Magazine has many helpful tips. Friends are always a ready supply of help. As a woman, you have the power within yourself to be beautiful. God gave us the gospel standards which assure you of appropriate and attractive dress.

Challenge To The Sisters

Elder Mark E. Petersen challenged the Relief Society sisters last year with "What right have you to tempt young men?" Let us tell our daughter frankly and directly why they should not do this. The femme fatal is made to appear alluring. Most of us, if we're honest, will admit to at least a desire to have boy friends falling at our feet when young. For various reasons, so often by the grace of God, we never become the femme fatale. Those who have, I do not doubt, live to tell a tale of much unhappiness.

Tempting men folk is an attitude of mind which according to Dr. Eustace Chesser, denies the very purpose of woman kind. Women who do so must do a complete rethink of themselves. Femme fatales definitely have no future to call their own.

Young people today have broken the yoke of the fashion barons that we followed. Let us repay them by helping them to remain free in this respect. Our daughters will be grateful for our good examples and encouragement. They will appreciate this particularly when the mini-skirts, plunging necklines and see-thro' blouses have passed away and their daughters are being drawn to yet another shape or style. They then, will help them to dress in a manner that will "glorify our Father in Heaven."





All Men Need To Repent

By Elder William J. Critchlow, Jr.

Assistant to the Twelve

★ People in all of the nations of the earth need to repent. The need is urgent. This declaration of need constitutes an indictment of guilt—transgressions are implied.

For what need we repent I may be asked? My answer:

For the same sins that brought low the impenitent inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah; for the identical sins that brought extinction to the impenitent Nephites on this continent; for the same sins that brought destruction to the impenitent souls in Noah's day; for the same sins that will bring the judgments of God upon the impenitent people in our day—unless we repent.

"... as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man." (Luke 17:26.)

Our world has become a modern Babylon. Cities like Sodom and Gomorrah dot the earth.

"If we say that we have no sin, we

deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." (1 John 1:8.)

In a very few moments, one could inventory in the mind his or her more serious transgressions—those already repented of, and those still to be repented of. It will take a little longer, and the list will grow a little longer, if we add to it our sins of omission. Sometimes our sins of omission are greater than our sins of commission.

What Is The Pattern For Repenting?

Now, how did we rid ourselves of sin or how shall we rid ourselves of the sins listed? Is there a pattern or formula for repenting? Definitely there is, in my humble opinion, and those who will pause to list their sins will, by so doing, be taking the first step in the repenting process.

In such a mental inventory we automatically recognize certain of our acts as transgressions, otherwise we would

not list them. No problem can be solved, no sin can be resolved until it is first recognized. Recognition of sin therefore is the first step in the repenting processes.

The Apostle Paul assented to the stoning of Stephen. He held the cloaks of those who threw the stones. Not until he was chastened by the Lord did he recognize the full extent of his sin. Great was his remorse thereafter.

A convert to the Church was unaware that he was transgressing a law of God as he imbibed tea, coffee, and tobacco until he was taught God's law of health—the Word of Wisdom. His conversion forced upon him recognition of the law. Violations thereafter constituted transgressions.

Seven Big "R's"

For the purpose of my theme I propose to spell repentance with seven big capital "R's." The first—"R" obviously stands for recognition.

Paul's godly sorrow for his sin suggests the second "R"—remorse. Our Lord, teaching His followers to pray, said: ". . . lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: . . ." (Matt. 6:13.)

He said that nearly two thousand years ago. Brought up to date, the 1968 versions seems to be: "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from being caught."

Sorrow for being caught in sin is not remorse.

The third "R" stands for relating. All sins should be confessed unto the Lord "Where," said Elder Marion G. Romney, "one's transgressions are of such a nature as would, unrepented of, put in jeopardy his right to membership or fellowship in the Church of Jesus Christ, full and effective confession would, in my judgment, require confes-

sion by the repentant sinner to his bishop or other proper presiding Church officer—not that the church officer could forgive the sin (this power rests in the Lord Himself and those only to whom He specifically delegates it) but rather that the Church, acting through its duly appointed officers, might with full knowledge of the facts take such action with respect to church discipline as the circumstances merit." (Conf. Report, Oct. 1955.)

The fourth "R" stands for restitution.

"For misconduct which offends another, confession should also be made to the offended one, and his forgiveness sought." (Idem.)

Some Things Cannot Be Restored

Restitution means to restore—to repair the damage. Three boys about to receive scouting awards were apprehended breaking streets lights. And were they sorry for being caught! Later, but before they accepted their awards, they recognized their acts as unbecoming Eagle Scouts and with a true feeling of remorse went to the power company to relate their transgression and offered to make restitution by paying for the lights. Incidentally, the only restitution exacted was that they be guardians of those lights. From then on the lights burned on and on and on.

Some things cannot be restored. Street lights can be replaced, embezzled funds and stolen property may be returned, but how does one make restitution for the sin of blasphemy—taking the name of God in vain. Blasphemy, used so freely to emphasize our conversation, is the most thoughtless of all conversational crimes. How does one make restitution for lies—for bearing false witness?

The wagging tongue like—



"The moving finger writes: and having writ,

Moves on: nor all thy piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,

Nor all thy tears wash out a word
of it."

—Omar Khayyam

Paul's sincere apology to the Lord for assenting to the stoning of Stephen never brought back Stephen's life. Nor will all the prayers of repentant sinners ever restore virtue to a maid or a boy.

Firm Resolve To Forsake Sins

The fifth "R" stands for resolution. It implies a firm resolve to forsake our sins. There are two kinds of resolutions, one is called the New Year type. These come cheaper by the dozen and are branded with insincerity and guaranteed to last only till the next temptation. Few ever last longer than the winter snows. The other is the sincere type, resolved and guaranteed to last forever.

"By this ye may know if a man re-

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penteth of his sins—behold, he will confess them and forsake them." (D&C 58:43.)

Resolves which are repeatedly broken merit no forgiveness.

". . . go your ways and sin no more; but unto that soul who sinneth shall the former sins return, saith the Lord your God." (D&C 82:7.)

We do not trifle with the Lord.

Reformation Next

A resolution is an expression of faith and like faith needs to be supported by works. The next step therefore involves works. It is represented by a big "R" which stands for reformation. A resolution is an intention to do well. Reformation is actually doing well.

". . . let every man learn his duty," said the Lord, ". . . he that learns not his duty and shows himself not approved shall not be counted worthy to stand." (See D&C 107:99-100.)

Transgressors seek the forgiveness of Heavenly Father. Their fellow men will forgive "seventy times seven" (see Mattt. 18:21-22) because they have been so commanded.

"I, the Lord, will forgive whom I will forgive, but of you it is required to forgive all men." (Ibid., 64:10.)

To earn his forgiveness one should go the extra mile, forsaking not only his sins but adding the while devotion and service to prove his love for him. Such devotion and service constitutes reformation.

Six Steps Lead To Seventh

Now if in the process of repenting we follow these six steps, represented by the six "R's"—may I list them: Recognition, remorse, relating, restitution, resolution, and reformation we should have placed ourselves in a position to

enjoy the seventh step represented by another great big "R" which stands for realization—realization of the happiness that comes from righteous living.

Happiness is righteousness, said President McKay. "... if there be no righteousness there be no happiness." (2 Nephi 2:13.) A realization too, that we are forgiven by him whose forgiveness really counts, and a peaceful feeling will burn within our bosoms, and our minds will be at peace.

If spelling repentance with so many

"R's" complicates for you the repenting process, be of good cheer. Many good souls who couldn't spell it with seven "R's" or any other way have sincerely repented and have been forgiven. One's conscience seemingly has a way of conforming unwittingly. So let your conscience be your guide. "The sum-bonum of the proposition" (Henry Drummond) is repent—everybody repent.

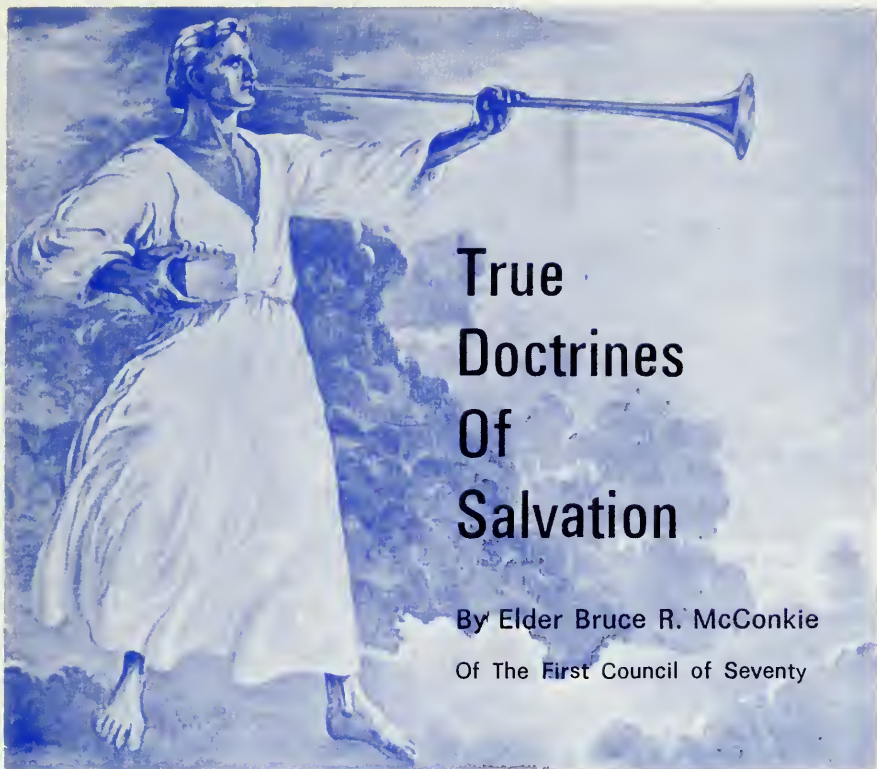
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9.)

Holiday Schedules

★ Wards and branches in the holiday areas are invited to submit to the Millennial Star their schedule of meetings and special events for the holiday season that they may be published for the good of all travelling Saints this summer. It is felt the publishing of the schedules will aid those travelling or visiting to locate the chapels.

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True Doctrines Of Salvation

By Elder Bruce R. McConkie

Of The First Council of Seventy

★ On April 6, 1830 by revelation and commandment, the Church of Jesus Christ, the same organization set up and perfected by Jesus and His Apostles of old, was again established among men. In it the Lord placed Apostles and prophets, revelation and visions, signs and miracles, the gift of the Holy Ghost, the true doctrines of salvation—indeed, all that was enjoyed by those of old wrought righteousness, obtained promises, and gained eternal life.

To this newly set-up kingdom of our Lord, the command came to carry the restored message of salvation to all men. With this commission came the revealed promise that the Gospel would roll forth, as the stone cut from the mountain without hands, until it filled the whole earth. The present Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with its millions of members and tens of thousands of missionaries, is continuing the work which will some day see the fulfilment of this divine promise.

Now, what of all these things? Are they true or false? In the very nature of things there is no middle ground. Our position is not like that of other organizations or churches. We are a peculiar people.

God Has Spoken

We say God has spoken from heaven giving us covenants and commandments.

We say angels have come from the presence of the Lord giving the same priesthood possessed by prophets of old.

We say Joseph Smith was called of God to commence the promised destination of all things and the latter-day gathering of Israel.

We say there are on earth today Apostles and prophets in the same literal sense in which such men graced this globe in generations gone.

We say The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the kingdom of God on earth and that in and through it men may gain the kingdom of heaven hereafter.

Now, these things are either true or false. Either God has spoken again or the silence of centuries remains unbroken. Either angels have come or they have not. Either the Gospel has been restored or the diverse and variant forms of a waning Christianity remain the best hope of the world. Either Joseph Smith was called of God or he was not

If Joseph Smith was a prophet, our professions are true. From that spring day in 1820 to the present moment, Joseph Smith's name has increasingly been the centre of religious inquiry. Hosts of men have sought to learn about his prophetic calling.

Salvation Through Christ

Once when he was in dire and perilous circumstances the voice of God comforted him with this assurance: "The ends of the earth shall inquire after thy name, and fools shall have thee in derision, and hell shall rage against thee;

"While the pure in heart, and the wise, and the noble, and the virtuous, shall seek counsel, and authority, and blessings constantly from under thy hand." (D&C 122:1-2.)

Certainly salvation centers in and comes because of Christ and His at-

oning sacrifice. He is the Lord God Omnipotent, the Creator, the Redeemer, the Saviour of the World. But Christ is known by and revealed through His prophets. Joseph Smith was the revealer of Christ and His Gospel to the world for this age. When the ends of the earth inquire after the name of Joseph Smith, it is because they seek the knowledge of Christ and of salvation that was revealed through him. Indeed, the revealed decree of Christ to Joseph Smith is: ". . . this generation shall have my word through you." (Ibid., 5: 10.)

Further: To the newly established Church in this dispensation the Lord said, speaking of Joseph Smith: ". . . thou shalt give heed unto all his words and commandments which he shall give unto you as he receiveth them, walking in all holiness before me;

"For his word ye shall receive, as if from mine own mouth, in all patience and faith." (Ibid., 21:4-5.)

We Found Him

Thus when we bear record of the divine mission of Joseph Smith, we are also certifying to the divine Sonship of him whose servant the Prophet was. And when men of sobriety and sense testify, in all humility and with deep conviction, that they know by personal revelation that Joseph Smith was a Prophet, an obligation rests upon all who hear to investigate and learn for themselves whether that testimony is true.

When Philip learned for himself that Jesus was the promised Messiah, he sought out Nathanael and bore his testimony: "We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, . . ." Nathanael was skeptical. "Can there

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any good thing come out of Nazareth?" he asked.

"Philip saith unto him, Come and see."

Nathanael came, investigated, learned for himself, and, speaking directly to Jesus, bore this testimony: "... thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel." (See John 1:41-51.)

A Prophet Today

Similarly, we say to all men everywhere: "We have found the mighty prophet of the latter days, the one

called of God to bring to pass the promised restitution of all things spoken by the mouths of all his holy prophets since the world began." (See Acts 3:19-21.)

We know some will be skeptical. They will say: "Can it be that there are actually prophets of God on earth again? Is it possible that God gives revelation to-day?" To which we say: "Come and see. Inquire. Investigate. Learn for yourself. Ask God. Remember the promise: 'If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.'" (James 1:5.)

In issuing this invitation we know full well that "the pure in heart, and the wise, and the noble, and the virtuous," among all nations will gain personal testimonies of the divinity of this great latter-day work. They will know as we know that Joseph Smith was called of God, for the Spirit will bear record to them, as it has to us, and as it did to the modern Apostle who, in announcing for the Church the martyrdom of the Prophet, wrote these words:

"Joseph Smith, the Prophet and Seer of the Lord, has done more, save Jesus only, for the salvation of men in this world, than any other man that ever lived in it." (D&C 135:3.)



Where Do You Stand On Moral Issues



By Bishop Victor L. Brown

of the Presiding Bishopric

★ There are many influences in the world today which are undermining the character of men. It often seems that it is the smart thing to get as much as we can for as little effort as possible. More and more for less and less seems to be the popular chant. There is a feeling that if you do something wrong and get away with it and do not get caught, it is all right.

There is a trend in some areas of society today toward intellectual dishonesty. You will recall newspaper accounts of the exposé in the field of higher education where university students paid someone else to take their examinations and then accepted their diplomas as though they had earned them. You will remember the television quiz-show scandals. A survey was made

after this exposé, and an alarming number of those asked if it were wrong to mislead the public, felt there was nothing wrong with it whatsoever. In some areas of our society, winning for winning's sake seems a prime factor. These are but a few of the character-destroying influences in the world today.

Now, what is our position as holders of the Aaronic Priesthood? Where do we stand on these and other moral issues? Are we men of honour? If so, what kind of young men are we, really? Let me outline for you some of the traits of character which are basic if we are to justify the trust the Lord has placed in us. The list is long, but here are a few:

Truthfulness, honesty, integrity, dep-



endability, industry, and courtesy.

Truthfulness First

Of truthfulness, Jacob taught: "Wo unto the liar, for he shall be thrust down to hell." (2 Nephi 9:34.) Oliver Wendell Holmes had this to say: "Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle which fits them all." In the Psalm of David, he says: "He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight." (Psalm 101:7.) In Proverbs we read: "Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight." (Proverbs 12:22.)

Truthfulness is in very deed one of the foundation stones of true character. Without it, a holder of the priesthood not only breaks his trust with the Lord, but he deceives himself and his fellow-men.

Laveter had this to say about honesty: "He who purposely cheats his friend would cheat his God." In a recent editorial in the Church Section of the Deseret News-Salt Lake Telegram, we read the following:

"In the magnificent prayer of the Saviour, as recorded in the Gospel of John, the Lord is quoted as having said to His Father: 'And this is life eternal, to know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.'" (John 17:3.)

Dishonesty Growing

'John evidently had the same thing in mind when he wrote in his first general epistle: 'And hereby do we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.' (1 John 2:3-4.)

"If the achievement of life eternal means to know God, and if to know him means that we must keep his commandments, then certainly every one of us must be honest, true, virtuous, and chaste, and seek after every good thing.

"The wave of dishonesty which is sweeping the world is frightening indeed. How can the world be saved in dishonesty? How can it continue to justify itself in fraud and cheating and lying? And yet it attempts to do so.

"The air lines of the United States discontinue their so-called youth fares (reduced particularly for those of high school and college age) because of fraudulent misuse on the part of many young people.

"Shoplifting, which involves women and children for the most part, now runs into more than thirty million dollars a year.

See No Wrong In Cheating

"Sixty-five percent of the students in one high school reported that they cheat and can see no wrong in it.

"Three quarters of a million special officers are employed in the United States to watch employees in large

firms to attempt to prevent dishonest practices. That number is twice as many as all the state and local police in the nation.

"In one American city, police arrested 2,226 shoplifters in six months and recovered nearly \$70,000 worth of stolen merchandise. Half of these shoplifters were children. Most of the others were housewives."

And the article goes on to say:

"Dishonesty is one of the signs of a great let down in the moral fibre of the nation. It is also a sign—a dreadful one—that many men and women and boys and girls no longer regard their Christian religion as a way of life, but rather as something to be ignored, or at most to be used in intellectual exercise only.

Honesty A Principle

"Honesty must not be considered as a policy only, although it is all of that. It must be regarded as a principle of life, part and parcel of the daily conduct of each individual.

"If we are to consider ourselves as followers of the Christ, we must do as the Saviour says—keep his commandments.

"How often must he tell us: Thou

shalt not lie?

"How frequently must he say: Thou shalt not steal?

"Will we soon forget that we must not bear false witness—in anything? Not in making a sale, nor in representing values, nor in telling the ages of our children, nor in using other people's property?

"Without honesty, there is no integrity.

"Without integrity there is no character.

"Without character there is no godliness.

"Without godliness there is no salvation in the kingdom of God.

"As Latter-day Saints, we live in the world, but as was the case with the ancient Saints, we need not be of the world, nor partake of the sins and blemishes of Babylon.

"Zion is the pure in heart. If we are to be a part of Zion, then let us be as honest and true as God expects us to be.

"Hereby do we know that we know him: if we keep his commandments."

Now, I ask you young priesthood bearers: Can you in any way be dishonest without breaking this great trust the Lord has placed in you? The answer is obviously no.



Testimony

Of

Home Evening

By Briony Green



★ May we introduce Briony Green, a talented 16 year old from the Nottingham Ward, who has a real testimony of the value of Family Home Evenings.

Every Wednesday evening without fail, the Green Family gather together in the lounge of their modern bungalow at Keyworth. Head of the house, Albert Green has been Bishop of the Nottingham Ward since 1961, his wife Joan serves on the Stake Primary Board, Briony is ward organist and a Primary teacher and Jonathan aged 12 is secretary of the Deacon's Quorum.

Family Home evenings are a 'must' not from the point of view of duty, but because they are enjoyed so much. The Bishop or Sister Green usually give the lessons, but during school holidays the children occasionally take turns, or plan surprises.

Briony is a brilliant pianist. She is often called on to assist the music teacher at school and always plays for the school assembly programmes. Home evenings at the Green's always include music. As well as playing the piano and organ, Briony sings alto in the family quartet. They are in great demand at Ward concerts and socials. They often practice for these events after the weekly lessons.

Refreshments are always part of the programme, and a favourite with them all is a bar of chocolate, but on special

occasions more elaborate preparations are made. For instance, this year Sister Green's birthday happened to be on a Wednesday, and after the evening meal she was asked to go into her bedroom for a little while.

Jonathan and his father did the washing up while Briony and Roger, a young student who is staying with them, quickly hung up streamers and decorations, a red crepe paper "carpet" stretched from the door to the table where all the birthday presents were piled up. This only took a few minutes and then Sister Green was recalled and the Surprise Birthday party began. It really was a surprise!

With events like this you can imagine the happiness of the Green family. In lessons, testimonies and talks they have all related experiences and happenings that took place in family home evenings. Why does Briony enjoy these evenings together discussing lessons and how have they helped her? The main thing, she says is that they teach you HOW to live the principles. For example, very often we think we are being honest, but there are so many little ways in modern day living where we are being dishonest without thinking. We say we do not steal, but we may be stealing time, the lessons point out these facts and help us to be better Latter-day Saints.

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On The Move

Kicking His Way To Fame

★ BIRMINGHAM, England—Wayne Cannon, 16-year-old son of Pres. George I. Cannon of the Central British Mission, and Sister Cannon, is kicking his way to fame at the John Wilmott Grammar School. He is a member of the school's Rugby team. His height of six foot four inches also gives him many opportunities on the basketball team as they play in and near Birmingham.

★ PUDUE, Indiana—Prof. Ramon B. Wilson of Purdue University, conducted the first Indiana Trade Mission to the Far East which began on March 13th. A native of Ogden, Utah, Prof. Wilson is a member of the Purdue Ward, Indianapolis Stake.

He is agricultural advisor and assistant to Indiana Lt. Gov. Robert L. Rock, and on the board of directors and was president of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

★ NEW BRUNSWICK, New Jersey—The National Council, Boy Scouts of America, announced recently the appointment

of Ross J. Taylor, Scout executive of the Great Salt Lake Council, as director of training for the National Council. He is also a member of the YMMIA General Board. Bro. Taylor resides in the East Mill Creek 10th Ward, Mt. Olympus Stake in Salt Lake City. Prior to coming to Salt Lake City he was Scout executive of the Orange Empire Council at Santa Ana, Calif.

★ WELLINGTON, New Zealand — A native of Methil, Scotland, William Campbell, has been sustained as the new president of the Wellington Stake. He succeeds Pres. Keith A. Harrison.

Pres. Campbell was baptized in 1963. He and his wife, Kathleen, have two children. He has served in a bishopric and as high counsellor. A contractor in New Zealand, he previously spent six months in Germany with the Black Watch, Scottish Highland Regiment in 1951-52 and 14 months in Japan and Korea with the Royal Scots, a Scottish Lowland Regiment.

★ LOS ANGELES, Calif.—A copy of the Book of Mormon is now found in each of the 1,700 rooms of the large Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. This is the largest distribution of the Book of Mormon in any hotel in the world.

GOD'S WAY

God is good, He shows to us
All things we need to know.
If we will ask Him for his help,
We'll find the way to go.

In His great magnitude of power
Our God can feel small pains.
He knows and understands and feels
Our losses and our gains.
Our sins, our triumphs, our distress
He suffered too, on earth.
Our heartaches, griefs and pain all bless
And teach us, swell our worth.

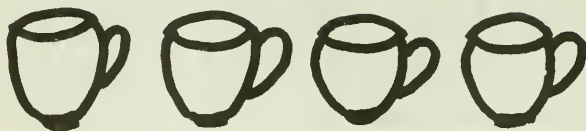
We are but small, so frail and weak,
We cannot stand alone.
We need each other, and we need
Our Father—He has shown
By all his blessings,
All his words,
And all we have each day.
He loves each one—each fragile soul,
And waits to lead the way.

He does not promise easy paths,
Nor short cuts through the plains.
But gave us maps to plan the route,
And prayer to ease the pains.
Our Father's love is waiting there
Though other hopes may fail
We may feel weary, lost, alone
A ship without a sail,
A boat without an oar, a bird
Left with a broken wing,
But knowing of our Father's love
We'll still have cause to sing.

—Georgina Smith,
Catford Branch

DYE YOUR OWN EGGS

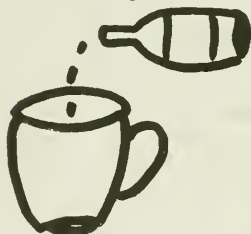
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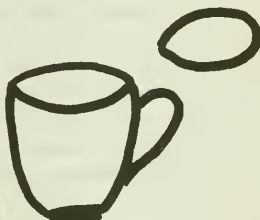
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Add 3 drops of different food colouring in each mug.



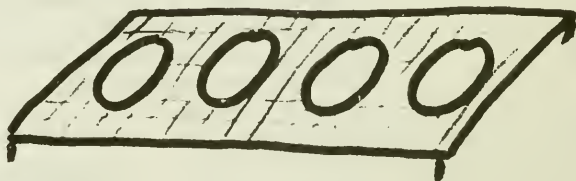
Put a white egg in each mug.



Add more water if needed to cover egg.



Leave the eggs in mugs until you have the right shade.



Carefully take the eggs out and drain on a rack.

Some eggs you might leave plain as the colours are beautiful. Others you may want to decorate with coloured paper pasted to the eggs with Copydex. Here are a few ideas.



Eyes



Ears



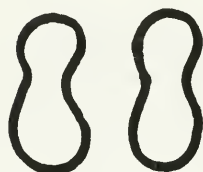
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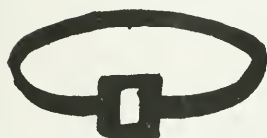
Mouth



Hair
(Fringed Paper)



Shoes

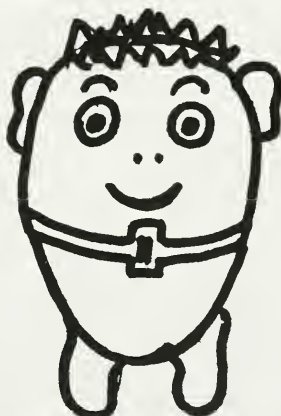


Belt



Hat

You can think of many more. Your's might look like this



Newport Relief Society

Raises £50 At Market Stall

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ The NEWPORT Branch Relief Society on the Isle of Wight, raised £50 at a stall in their local market. The sisters were complimented on the dozens of soft dolls and animals made.

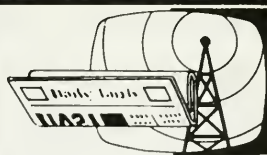
The proceeds from the stall were contributed to the Branch Building fund.

Members of the M.I.A. gave a wonderful performance of drama and singing at a "Melody and Mirth Night" recently.

Refreshments were also served and a further £1 12s. was added to the Building Fund.

★ A wonderful day was held by all when the Thames Valley District held their Parent and Youth Day at Reading Chapel January 27. It began with inter-Branch sports organized by Y.M.M.I.A. Supt. Aurthur Hunter. Basketball, net ball, volleyball and table tennis etc.





were enjoyed inside and outside the chapel until 6 o'clock when there was a break for refreshments.

The evening commenced with a Parent and Youth Quiz programme witnessed by a large and lively audience, and the parents won but only by 5 points. After the Quiz the "Let it Rain" programme was performed. The script was inspired by a speech of Elder Boyd K. Packer's entitled "Let Not your Heart be Troubled," and was concerned with the problems of youth. Ways and means by which problems may be faced and overcome were put forward, and parents and youth took part in it. Y.W. President Silcott was the producer, assisted by Counsellor Diane Atkenhead.

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ The KILMARNOCK District Gold and Green Ball was held at the GREENOCK Building on Feb. 10th. The recreation hall was tastefully decorated with a centrepiece of hoops covered in multi-coloured paper roses, and streamers stretching from this to the four corners of the roof. A running buffet was provided and guests received either chicken or tomato soup, followed by lemonade, a sandwich, chocolate biscuit, cake and trifle. Approximately sixty people attended, and William Graham, the District Y.M.M.I.A. superintendent was master of ceremonies. An excellent band, who played and sang very well, added to the enjoyment of the evening and really helped to keep up the party spirit. The dance ended at 10.30

p.m. and a bus transported many of the guests back to Glasgow.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ All tickets were sold, and a maximum of 280 dancers thronged the Leicester Stake House on Feb. 10th for a glittering Green and Gold Ball. Hearts and Flowers was the theme of the decorations arranged by Sis. Sanderson of Leicester, and they formed an appropriate background for the attractive young ladies in their formal evening gowns. During the evening eleven Laurel girls all aged seventeen, were honoured and presented with a carnation spray by Stake President Kenneth J. Poole.

They were then escorted from the stage by priesthood members from their own wards onto the centre of the dance floor, where they led off the next dance. Other young girls later gave an attractive movement display with decorated hoops, to the music of Beethoven's 6th Symphony.

This annual ball has increased in popularity over the years, and the majority of the ladies were in evening dress.

The stake M.I.A. leaders were overwhelmed by the response, and they are already worrying about where they can hold the next ball, as the stake house will just not be large enough. Geoff Harris was in good form as M.C. and ensured that everyone had an opportunity of dancing and getting to know

everyone else by including novelty numbers and progressive dances. Olive Attenburrow and her helpers worked hard keeping up the steady supply of refreshments needed for the buffet.

★ Forty-two sisters from the Nottingham Relief Society attended a social evening with a three course chicken dinner expertly prepared by Geoff Harris, and served by priesthood members.

The evening continued with entertainment, also provided by the brethren ably organised by Rick Burton, with David Bourne as Master of Ceremonies. Sketches, mime, piano playing and slap stick were all included in the programme. But the highlight of the show was the "Chorus Girls" act by four of the men dressed in football shorts and shirts, plus wellington boots, who gave a grand display of high kicks.

★ On Feb. 3rd the ward Primary held their Daddy-Daughter Dinner. John Rigley, Primary Priesthood advisor, was host for the evening. Everyone enjoyed the well prepared dinner in a lovely candle-lit room. Later there were games, magic, and some singing by two non-member friends of David Brailsford.

★ SOUTH BIRMINGHAM Ward Primary has started producing a "Primary News" which will be a monthly magazine telling of their activities. Recently they sent 5/- from their "penny box" to the "Save the Children" Fund.

★ On Sunday Jan. 14th 1968, after many years the Nuneaton Branch of the Leicester Stake received it's independence from the Coventry Ward and became a separate unit of the stake.

John B. Joseph was sustained as branch president, with W. John Ashmead as 1st counsellor and Ernest Hooker as 2nd counsellor. It is interesting to note that President Joseph's grandfather, was once also named John Joseph. President of the Birmingham Branch for 15 years, and is reputed to have helped in the formation of the first Primary in the British Isles.

President Joseph recently married June Fountain of the Hull Branch where she served as a District M.I.A. counsellor.

John Ashmead is a native of Swansea but from 1953 until May of last year he served in the Coventry City Police. At present he is in the Warwickshire Police at Nuneaton as a Detective Chief Inspector. He previously served the Church as a counsellor in the Coventry Ward bishopric and as ward clerk.

Ernest Hooker is an insurance agent and also a television actor. He has been connected with the theatre all his life and currently appears in such shows as "United," "Crossroads" and "The Newcomers." He is also the stake M.I.A. Drama director.

★ The Nuneaton Branch held its first "Daddy Daughter Date" on Feb. 3rd. Three daughters and their daddies met at the home of Brother and Sister Ashmead where they were entertained

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to a chicken dinner followed by a variety of games.

★ Raymond Poole, son of the stake president, celebrated his twenty-first birthday with a party at the Nottingham Chapel on Feb. 16th. Over a hundred friends and relatives enjoyed a delicious buffet prepared by Dorothy Poole, Hilda Storer and Doris Stevenson. In between dances, entertainment was provided by the Mission-aires, Neville Oldham from Leeds, and Harry Wilson of Mansfield.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ All over the country it seems that the young ladies are realising the pleasure of dressing-up for a ball, and the Hull District Green and Gold Ball was no exception. Many of them wore evening dresses as they danced from 8 p.m. until midnight to the Eric Wright Quartet. The Hall was decorated in Green and Gold by the East Hull M.I.A. and refreshments were prepared by Elaine Render and Valerie Baber. John Fenwick was M.C. for the evening.

★ The District Volleyball League came to an end this month. East Hull, West Hull and Beverley fielded one team, York managed two. The games were played in a good spirit of sportsmanship and Beverley Branch were the winners and will receive a Shield. The team which only lost one match to East Hull, included David Fenwick (Capt.) John Fenwick, Alan and Myra Kennington, Bob and Joan Thistleton and David Fewster as a reserve.

★ Saint Valentine was well remembered in Liverpool, when the Branch held another very successful "Country Cap-er" Night. Vic Selzer once again provided a very popular caller, as his band provided the music for two hundred and fifty people all in country dress, to dance and parade around the floor. Refreshments were served in gaily decorated boxes, painted with hearts and flowers to match the theme of the hall decorations and designed to bring popular Saint Valentine well to the fore.

BRITISH MISSION

★ Gorleston Relief Society Sisters have had quite a few successful stalls on Yarmouth Market, but the bad weather this winter made them think twice about standing out in the cold again. However, they found an empty shop just opposite the Market Place and after making enquiries, it was kindly lent to them by Woolworths. The sisters were delighted with the results, apparently the best to date, and they were also able to keep warm and dry.

SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ The "Clavatones" provided the music for the Cornwall District's Green and Gold Ball on Jan. 26th, at the Operatic Room, St. Austell. About sixty saints attended and everyone enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

They turned out again in greater numbers for the District Valentine Party on Feb. 14th, this time at Redruth. Sister L. Seddon did a wonderful job in decorating the hall, and Truro and Falmouth Branches provided the refreshments while St. Austell and Newquay were responsible for the games and dancing. Helston M.I.A. provided the

entertainment, J. F. Harris and D. N. Harris mystified everyone with some tricks, and then had them laughing at their jokes. Everyone joined in singing "Home on the Range" and "You Are My sunshine" while one of the elders accompanied them on his guitar.

The Harris family is in the news again, this time C. G. Harris of Helston Branch knocked out E. Scorer of Redruth. Bro. Harris received a shield as the winner in his weight of the school boy section. The town folk are justifiably proud of the way he represented them.

gathered for a most enjoyable evening, and President Harold Hunt of the Essex District acted as M.C. The organisers of the event were Malcolm Taylor, Stake Y.M.M.I.A. secretary and Carole Corless, Stake Y.W.M.I.A. activity counsellor.

★ The Stake has divided the wards into three groups of three for the purpose of playing off preliminary rounds in sports tournaments. The winner from each zone then comes forward to the stake final. On Feb. 10th the Netball final was played at Greenwich Park School, and Hyde Park Ward won the Hemmingway Trophy.

LONDON STAKE

★ "Snowflakes," the theme of this year's Stake Green and Gold Ball, held at the South London Chapel, was attractively carried out in the decorations by cutting out polystyrene tiles. Approximately 300 members and friends

In order to improve skills in the various activities, the stake M.I.A. has instituted a programme of workshops. In addition to one leadership weekend devoted mainly to drama instruction, and another to sports and camping, half-day workshops are being held 2-3



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months prior to the stake festivals in speech, drama and roadshows.

On Saturday morning, Feb. 17th, a speech workshop was held under the direction of William Sheppard, 1st assistant in the Y.M.M.I.A. Sessions were also conducted by Una Budge, and Brother and Sister Colin Price of Luton Ward.

Three and a half hours of intensive

speech training included: impromptu talks, 15 second original TV "ad" spots by each person, interviews, planning a talk, how to create enthusiasm for speech, better diction and tone etc. Each person had the experience of hearing his/her own voice recorded.

The regular monthly leadership meeting was held in the afternoon, and in



A Scene from Hyde Park Ward's play "The Showing-up of Blanco Posnett."

the evening three wards took part in the drama festival. Catford Branch presented a comedy "George." produced by Barbara Jeffrey. Eileen Letby produced North London's drama, "The Prisoners," and Hyde Park Ward, under the direction of Michael Murdock, presented G. B. Shaws "The Showing-Up of Blanco Posnett." The influence of the drama instruction received at the January leadership Weekend, was very noticeable in the higher than ever standard achieved by the three productions.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ On the evening of Jan. 31st, Billingham M.I.A. held a party with a Hawaiian theme. The leis made by the Y.W.M.I.A. from coloured crepe paper looked very colourful and helped everyone achieve the right mood. Games were organised by Jeff Kenworthy. The highlight of the evening was the appearance of two up-and-coming artists, Jeff Mawlam and John Bowron, in an exotic, if not expert, dance routine. Knobbly knees are not usually seen in eastern dances. The Y.W. presidency prepared refreshments which included roast potatoes stuffed with cheese, fresh coconut and bananas baked in their skins. All that was missing was the palm trees and Hawaiian sunshine.

★ Consett Branch turned over the whole M.I.A. evening to a local naturalist who gave a lecture on the wild life in the Derwent Valley. The lecture was fully illustrated with a collection of the naturalist's own colour slides. Everyone present found it both interesting and enlightening. The following day six members of the M.I.A. went for a hike. They left Consett at 10.30 a.m. and arrived at Edmond Myers at 12.30 p.m.

They took their own food, built a fire and cooked it on the spot and then they walked back over the moors.

★ At a Primary Fancy Dress Party in February at the Middlesbrough Ward, guests feasted on wonderful home-made bread, baked on the premises by Eva Cupryna, and meat dips.

First prizes for the Adults Fancy Dress went to Jean Harburn as Minihaha, and Albert Smith as an Ancient Israelite. The children's prizes were won by Alfie Harburn as "Crime does not pay," and Adrienne Henwood as "Queen Bess." The event raised £5 7s. 6d.

The M.I.A. held a Valentine Dance on the 14th in aid of the building fund and credit must go to those who decorated the cultural hall and turned it into a fantasia, namely Lynn Hammond and his class, Albert Smith, Lesley Marshall and Kathryn Henwood. Across the room stretched scores of red, pink and white streamers; a huge heart dominated one wall, and a booth completely covered in paper flowers stood on the opposite side.

★ Two problems were solved simultaneously in Middlesbrough during February. The first was that of a sister moving into a new house who needed help in completely redecorating it; the second problem was that of M.I.A. wanting to find a new way of raising money for the Building Fund. Needless to say the two got together, and members of the M.I.A. are doing the decorating, and the money will be given to the building fund.

★ Children of the Sunderland Ward Primary gave an outstanding perform-

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ance of a pantomime on Jan. 27th, which bore a striking resemblance to "The Sleeping Beauty," in spite of the efforts of some of the younger players. Credit is to be given to those officers of the Primary, and friends who devoted a great deal of their spare time to training the children. The show was a great success, and was watched by a large audience. This will be the last show organised by the present Primary President, Iris Pearson, as the Pearsons are expecting to emigrate to South Africa shortly.

★ A surprise Dance was held at the Sunderland Stake House on Feb. 3rd, the programme being kept strictly secret until the evening. Instead of having a band as usual, dancing was to records. The varied programme provided opportunity for young and old alike to let themselves go, and everyone joined in the Virginia Reel, which was demonstrated and taught by the Gateshead Branch. Winners of "Spot" dances, found themselves taking part in "Take your Pick" later in the evening, in order to get their respective prizes. Jeff Mawlam was a very entertaining and amusing M.C. and "Take your Pick" compere.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ Stourbridge Branch has become noted for interesting and unusual firesides. Guest speakers are usually from organisations outside the Church.

During February, Mr. Carter from the Samaritans related some of his experiences with people on the verge of suicide, because of marital problems, or drug addiction and many other reasons. He explained that the Samaritans

are a friendly organisation to help desperate people. They do not ridicule their failings, and they have been able to help many unhappy, unwanted citizens to find security in their lives, and give them the reassurance that someone does care and love them.

One of the questions asked was "If a wanted criminal sought help from the organisation, would they hand him over to the police?" Mr. Carter replied that while he would do everything in his power to help the person in question, in the interests of the community, legal action would be sought.

After this somewhat serious discussion, refreshments were served by the Relief Society, and one of the investigators Shirley Leddington, delighted the audience by singing two songs.

★ Another Valentines Day Dance is reported from Northampton Branch when about thirty young people attended despite the terrific downpours and cold weather. The decorations, made by the artistic members of the branch, were on a heart theme, and were excellent. This is the third dance organised by the dance director and a committee of three boys and three girls.

There has been a change in the branch presidency as 1st Counsellor Brother Rowlands has now become the president of the new Wellingborough Branch. Brother Wilson and Brother Essom are now 1st and 2nd counsellors to President Wade.

On Feb. 4th, at the Fast and Testimony meeting, Doreen Esson received the David O. McKay award for introducing a new family into the Church, and

her two little granddaughters were blessed.

★ The first major event in the Hereford Branch calendar for 1968 was the St. Valentine's Dance organised annually by the M.I.A. with the majority of those in attendance dressed in the costumes of bygone years, and the brethren sporting moustaches, especially acquired for the occasion. Miss Griffiths, a caller, was engaged for the evening, and proved to be an excellent M.C. Refreshments took the form of an old fashioned farm house supper—cottage loaves, cheese and pickles with gallons of squash to quench the thirst. The award for the most original hat, designed and worn by the sisters, was made to Sister Eacock. Elder Swenson, with a most engaging moustache-cum-goatee beard, took the award for the most original face fungi. The judging was done by Miss Griffiths.

★ The Midlands West District held their eliminating rounds for the 1968 sports programme at the Henry Cheshire School, late in February. A most wonderful evening, absolutely packed with the sporting events, was worked to a most tight schedule. Many close results ensued and the roof of the gym almost disappeared on several occasions as supporters of the various branches gave voice to their approval of their team's efforts. Full results were; Five-a-side football, under 15. Worcester 9. Kidderminster 1.

Five-a-side Football, Open age. Worcester 3. Hereford 2. Worcester 3. Kidderminster 1., Hereford 1. Kidderminster 7.

Girls Basketball Hereford 14. Stourbridge 16. Kidderminster 26. Stourbridge 12.

Volleyball. Hereford 16. Stourbridge 14. Hereford 15. Kidderminster 13.

★ The newly organised Midlands East District held their first District Council meeting in the Peterborough Chapel at 8 p.m. on Feb. 13th. The responsibilities of the District Councilmen were explained by the District Presidency and many questions answered. President Derek A. Cuthbert, 1st counsellor to the Central British Mission President, gave much encouragement and help. Reorganisation of the district presidency became necessary when President Leonard Joyce and his family left Corby for Whitby in Yorkshire. The new presidency consists of; Richard D. Thomas of Stamford, as district president. Peter Williams and Roy C. Whitehead of Peterborough as 1st and 2nd counsellors. Six District Councilmen have been called so far, they are; Raymond Rose, Thor Larson and Eric Jones, all of Lincoln, Albert Fryett of Newark, Cecil Guscott, Peterborough, and Gaylord F. Young, Huntingdon.

★ The first "Miss Youth Club" competition ever held in Peterborough was won recently by 17-year-old Terry Guscott, a member of the Peterborough Branch. The title was presented to Terry at a dance organised by the city Youth at which more than 350 young people were in attendance. This honour was bestowed in recognition of her youth and beauty. As a winner of this competition Terry will be required to represent the City Youth Service at various



Miss Terry Guscott being crowned "Miss Youth Club" in Peterborough

social functions throughout the year, and at some will have the privilege of introducing the mayor.

Terry is the daughter of Brother and Sister Cecil J. Guscott of Peterborough, and is very active in branch and youth activities, but also finds time to serve as a District Missionary in the Central British Mission.

★ Janet Garner of the Rhyl Branch is very interested in writing to saints in other parts of the world. Presently she corresponds with 26 members from Austria, Netherlands and Australia, and is awaiting replies from Peru, and Norway. She contacted the mission presidents and asked them to circulate her letter to their branches. If anyone else is interested in this hobby and would like to write to Sister Garner her address is; 58, Elwy Drive, Rhyl, Flintshire, North Wales.

BIRTHS

★ Jan. 20th—To Terry and Tina Bramford, Lincoln Branch, Central British Mission, a son, Stephen James.

★ Jan. 17th—To Geoffrey and Suzette Dunning, Beverley Branch, North British Mission, a daughter, Sharon Lynn.

★ Jan. 17th—To Walter and Pamela Woods, Gorleston Branch, British Mission, a son, Mark Simon.

★ Jan.—To Brother and Sister Bradshaw of Daventry, Central British Mission, a son, David Stephen.

★ Jan. 31st—To Clive and Joy Blakeson, Beverley Branch, North British Mission, a son, Dale Clive.

★ Jan. 2nd—To Terry and Rosemary

Munden of Ilford Branch, a daughter, Claire Charlotte.

★ Dec. 26th, 1967—To Pamela and Trevor Wright of the Ilford Branch, a son, Craig Trevor.

MARRIAGES

★ The wedding between Meriel Borrett and Keith Alcock took place on Jan. 13th at the Southampton Chapel. District President Talbot performed the ceremony, and the choir sang "Thanks be to God." Sister M. Grant gave a beautiful rendering of "Salvation." The reception afterwards was prepared by the Relief Society.



★ Sally Spencer, formerly of the Woodsetton Ward, Leicester Stake, and Ray B. Diamond of Salt Lake City, were married in the Salt Lake Temple on Dec. 22nd. Sally served as a stake missionary in the Walsall Branch where she held a nursing appointment before emigrating 3 years ago. The couple now live in Denver Colorado where Dennis is working at the U.S. Army hospital.

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ENGAGEMENT

★ Patricia Tate of Southampton Branch to Peter Withington of Crawley Branch.

★ Peter Brian Pickthall and Gloria Margaret Rose of Catford Branch. They plan to be married at the Hyde Park Chapel, London, 22nd June 1968.

★ Kenneth Jones and Anne Hudgell of Catford Branch. They plan to be married at Sheffield, 17th August 1968.

★ Tony Evans and Jennifer Jones, Wrexham Branch, Central British Mission, engagement announced on 16th February 1968.

OBITUARIES

★ Dec. 24th 1967. George Burns of the Middlesborough Ward, Sunderland Stake, aged 70 years. Born in 1897, Brother Burns did not become a member of the Church until after his marriage to Florence May Robinson, who had been a member all her life. She converted her husband. They were married for 46 years and had three sons and four daughters.

Sister Burns was bedridden and so her husband could not travel to the hall where Middlesborough held their meetings, but just around the corner from their home was a plot of land which the church owned, and it was

Brother Burns great desire to see a chapel built there. In 1964 work on the building began, and from the first day Brother Burns was out working on the site, even though he was in his 67th year. In the three years that it took to build the chapel he was only absent for 14 days, he tackled any job that needed doing and worked every available moment. He was present when the chapel opened and attended every Sacrament Meeting from that time. Unfortunately, a few months after the opening he had a stroke and did not leave his bed again.

Alex Stewart, a former Church Building Missionary, now of Billingham ward said, "The faithfulness of Brother Burns was a daily example to the building missionaries who worked on the Middlesborough Chapel." To the members of the ward, and the Burns Family, George Burns lives on in the fine chapel which, without his dedicated work could have taken so much longer to build.

★ Phylliss Mitton of Beverley Branch died on Jan. 6th 1968. She will be greatly missed by the branch members, and especially the Relief Society, where her work had been greatly appreciated.

★ William Cattle, of the Beverley Branch died in December, He was loved by all who knew him.

★ "Unity, harmony, goodwill are virtues to be fostered and cherished in every home."

—President David O. McKay



Ordinations

Newly ordained Elders of the Scottish Mission:

Charles Kerr, Forfar, Jan. 28, 1968

Alan Henry Brown, Kirkcaldy, Jan. 28, 1968

James H. Sharp, Kirkcaldy, Jan. 28, 1968

Ronald MacFarland, Dunfermline, Jan. 28, 1968

Erie Moir McPherson, Wynd Dundee East, Jan. 28, 1968

Andrew Gilbert Shaw, Aberdeen, Feb. 11, 1968

John Donaldson, Aberdeen, Feb. 11, 1968

William Mantey, Edinburgh, Feb. 24, 1968

William Watson, Bathgate, Feb. 24, 1968

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God lends His land a little while,
That we may till and sow—
And fill the earth with bounty,
With precious things that grow.
But streams should never be defiled,
Nor must we spoil the trees—
Or mar the endless beauty,
Of all the things that please.
This is the law that all can keep,
A law that's right and just—
God lends His land a little while,
It's only ours on trust.

From (Miss) Miriam Eker,
Victoria Park,
Longsight,
Manchester

Short Story Contest

★ The Millennial Star Board of Directors have decided to sponsor both a short story contest and a poetry contest. The short story may be based on a true event. Deadline for entries has been set for August 30, 1968.

Anne Bradshaw, third place winner in the 1967 short story contest, in a recent post to the Millennial Star, expressed thanks for the "lovely book as third prize . . . I must apologize for not writing my appreciation before, but we have just had our first baby and there hasn't been much time to spare.

Thank you once again—it was a lovely surprise."

And CONGRATULATIONS to you Sister Bradshaw on the birth of your first child. We hope you'll enter the new contest.

Rules pertaining to the short story contest are printed herewith. Rules for the poetry contest will be published in the May issue of the Millennial Star.

Rules for the contest:

1. This contest is open to all members of the Church in Great Britain.
 2. Only one story may be submitted by each contestant.
 3. The story must not exceed 3,000 words in length and preferably typewritten. A duplicate copy of the story should be retained by the contestant to insure against loss.
 4. The contestant's name is not to appear anywhere on the manuscript, but a cover sheet on which is written the contestant's name and address is to be enclosed with the story.
 5. A signed statement is to accompany the story submitted certifying:
 - a. That the author is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
 - b. That the story submitted (state the title) is the contestant's original work.
 - c. That it has never been published, that it is not in the hands of an editor or other person with a view to publication, and that it will not be published nor submitted elsewhere for publication until the contest is decided.
 6. No explanatory material or picture is to accompany the story.
 7. The judges shall consist of the Managing Editor of the Millennial Star and two members of the board of Directors of the Deseret Enterprises.

In evaluating the stories, consideration will be given to the following points:

 - a. Characters and their presentation.
 - b. Plot development.
 - c. Message of the story and compliance with LDS standards.
 - d. Writing style.
 8. Entries must be postmarked not later than August 30, 1968.
 9. All entries are to be addressed to Millennial Star Short Story Contest, Deseret Enterprises, 288 London Road, Mitcham, Surrey, England.
 10. Certificates will be presented to all who submit stories. Special certificates of merit will be given to first, second and third place winners.
- The Millennial Star reserves the right to publish from time to time any of the other stories entered in the contest. All entries will become the property of the Millennial Star and none will be returned.

Exodus



★ Herewith is another fine short story, one of those submitted in the recent Millennial Star Short Story Contest. This one, *Exodus*, was written by Mrs. Margaret Pamela Johnston, 94 Edenderry Park, Banbridge, Co. Down, N. Ireland.

★ Emma Brown sat in the back of the wagon, cradling her sick child in her arms. It was early spring in the year 1847.

The child stirred restlessly in her arms, and as she looked at his small pinched face, she wondered how long it would be before they were placing his small lifeless body in the crude wooden boxes that served as caskets for their dead. The winter had been a bitter one for them. Emma had already lost one little girl, and now it looked as though little Joseph was to follow the same fate. "Dear Lord" she prayed,

"if it be Thy will, save this little one for us." He was only 18 months old, and it seemed so terribly unfair that he should be lying here like this in the grip of pneumonia, from which there was no cure.

The canvas flap at the end of the wagon parted, and President Young climbed into the wagon. "How is the little one?" he asked, his kind face creased with concern for the child. "I'm afraid its hopeless, sir" she replied, "the fever will not break." The President had watched many lives, both young and old ebb away on their long journey over the plains, but it still struck him to the heart when he saw a child like this. He knew that if Emma lost this little one, it would be the breaking point for her. She was alone now, except for her oldest son Samuel, and he was only 6 years old. Her husband Joe, had gone off in June 1846

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with the Mormon battalion to fight in the war in Mexico, and although he knew that the war had been over when the battalion had reached its destination in January 1847, it would be some time yet before they returned.

Blessed The Child

The child, turning restlessly in his mothers arms, brought him back from his thoughts, and, turning to her he said "Emma, I will ask a blessing on the child, and then it is in the hands of the Lord." When he had finished, he laid a hand on her shoulder, "don't worry Emma" he said, "I have a feeling that our journey's end is near." Emma took comfort from his words, and when he had gone, she laid the sleeping child down on the hard little bed, for she saw that he seemed to be sleeping more peacefully. As she lay there on her own bunk the sound of the band playing brought her thoughts drifting back to the year 1830 . . .

It was in the summer of 1830, that the news broke in Colesville, New York, that the much-talked-about Joseph Smith was to conduct a meeting there the next day. Miss Emmeline Drayton and her girl friends had decided to hear him speak, although both her mother and father, being staunch Presbyterian, had forbidden it.

Next evening, as she sat in a place near the front of the hall, she could not take her eyes off the young speaker. He was much more handsome than she had been led to believe, and something compelling in his sincere blue eyes, told her that here was a man you trusted instinctively.

The speaker had only started to tell a little about the Book of Mormon, when suddenly from the back of the hall there was a disturbance, and a group of men strode up and arrested the young speak-

er on the charge of "being a disorderly person, setting the country in uproar by preaching the Book of Mormon."

Falls For Captor

There was uproar in the hall at this, and Emmeline found herself almost crushed in the mob of people, all making for the door. Suddenly, she found herself being lifted bodily, and looking down she found "herself gazing into the kindest brown eyes she had ever seen. She recognised her captor, as being one of the young men who had been on the platform with Joseph Smith. He carried her out of the hall, and when they had reached the street set her gently down. Joseph Brown, had come from Seneca County, New York. He told her that he had come to know the Prophet Joseph Smith through going to hear him speak in Seneca, and that he had been baptised a little later in Seneca Lake.

He explained to her many things which she had found a little puzzling at the meeting, and listening to him, she had become convinced that his church was the one for her. She told him that her name was Emmeline Drayton, but he had promptly shortened it to "Emma". before he left her, he pressed a copy of the Book of Mormon into her hands, with the request that she should read it. As she had lain in her room that evening she knew she had fallen in love with him, it was as simple as that, and she knew too that after all she had heard, and read, she would accept no church only his.

Three months later, after much disagreement with her family, they were married. Just over ten months later Emma had given birth to their first son, their joy knew no bounds. They called him Samuel, after the Prophet's own brother, who had set off on his mission

with the first copies of The Book of Mormon in 1830. When their son was only one month old, they left Colesville, and travelled across country to Jackson County, Missouri, where a settlement was being set up, under the direction of the Prophet and Sidney Rigdon, in Kaw Township.

Trouble Began In 1832

Emma recalled that the first real indication of trouble had begun in the spring of 1832, when a mob of settlers began roaming the streets and breaking windows in a number of Mormon homes. Then in the autumn of that same year, they had set fire to haystacks and shot into houses. In the late summer of 1833 the mobs again patrolled the streets, threatening to whip and drive all Mormons from the county. Finally under duress, the Mormon settlers had agreed to leave by April 1834, but even this had not been good enough for the settlers, and in October, 1833 the terror had begun again. With more than 200 homes and crops destroyed, they had packed up what little of their possessions were left, and, not knowing where to go, had fled north.

In December, 1836, a County had been created to become a "Mormon County." The Mormon families purchased the lands, and proceeded to build their homes again. As she had watched her home being finished, Emma thought that surely now they would live in peace and contentment and all went well until 1838, when once again the mobs rode through the Mormon communities, bringing violence and hate with them.

As the Mormons fled to Illinois through the winter of 1838-39, many of their company died from exposure or illness. They had been led by a young member of the Council of Twelve, Brigham

Young, as their prophet had again been imprisoned on false charges. On this tragic journey, little Sarah had died and it was with sorrowful hearts that the Brown family had arrived in Quincy, Illinois.

Buy Swamp Site

Although the people of Quincy had received the refugees with kindness, it was soon apparent, that some kind of permanent provision be made for the families. With the arrival of the Prophet and his followers in April, 1839, arrangements had been made for the purchase of a site about 45 miles from Quincy, and when Emma and Joe first saw it, their hearts sank. It was an unhealthy place, consisting mostly of swamp land, and they could not see how they would ever make anything of it. However, under the direction of their leaders, they began the work of draining the swamps and plotting a city. The work had gone slowly, for the people had been exhausted from the hazards they had come through. Many fell victim to malaria, and Emma herself had been an early victim. On July 2nd, 1839, when hearts and spirits were at their lowest, the Prophet, himself ill, called upon the Lord to help them, and was answered, by being given the blessing of being able to heal the sick. He arose from his bed, and commenced healing the people, and soon all were well again. That was a day that Emma would never forget, and they had all fallen on their knees to give thanks to God for His great mercy.

The Prophet had named the site, Nauvoo, which means "the beautiful location," and now for the first time they could see beauty in the place. Soon houses and shops were built on what before had been swamp land, and the foundations of a temple had been laid.

Everything was going along wonder-

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fully when a terrible blow struck. On 28th June, 1844, they heard that their wonderful Prophet had been murdered by a mob, outside Carthage jail, and also his brother Hyrum. Sad were the faces in Nauvoo when next day, the two bodies were laid to rest.

Short Peace

For a while, the shock of the murders to the public in general, had allowed the Mormon community to live in peace, but before long the terror was to begin all over again, and in February 1846 they began to leave Nauvoo. Emma had been putting Samuel to bed after prayers, when Joe had come running in to tell her that they must pack up and leave. Emma was expecting their third child, and she looked around the familiar home for the last time, her heart had felt as though it were breaking. Finally they had managed to

pack their little wagon with as many things as it would hold, and wrapping little Samuel in warm blankets they had set off through the night on their journey to unknown parts.

On February 4th, they had ferried across the river, led by President Brigham Young, and on the first night of encampment, Emma had given birth to Joseph named after his father, and their beloved Prophet.

It had been on a fine morning in June 1846 that an army captain had come, with a call for volunteers to fight in the war in Mexico. Joseph had gone off with the rest of the battalion, and Emma had been left with her two little sons.

Thoughts of her children brought her back to the present. Her breath caught suddenly in her throat, the child looked so still, and she could no longer hear his laboured breathing. Scrambling



up from her bunk, she fell at his side, and began weeping. The wagon flap lifted again, and the President was at her side.

A Miracle

"Is the boy worse Emma" he asked. "He's dead sir," she replied, and then she was sobbing her heart out on his broad shoulder. The President spoke again, "but you are mistaken Emma" he said, "for look, the boy still breathes." Emma raised incredulous eyes to his face, and then looked at her son. It was true, little Joseph was still breathing so peacefully that she had thought him dead. A miracle had happened! She turned back to the President, "I thank God sir" she cried, "and you." He smiled at her, and took her hand. "I came to bring you good news, a rider has just come in with the news that our battalion of men is on its way home, and should be here in another month or two. God willing, your husband should join you by the beginning of August." Emma could hardly believe her ears Oh God was good, and just

when everything had seemed blackest. Her prayers would be doubly thankful tonight.

The President spoke again "Emma, I want you to rest now, I shall be leaving in the morning along with a company of pioneers, but you should be quite safe in these Winter quarters, and I think perhaps, that we shall soon meet again in our own promised land, I feel it in my heart." "May God go with you sir" she said, and he smiled warmly at her. When he had gone, Emma sat down on the bunk. The wagon flap opened as her son Samuel came in. "Mother, how is little Joe" he said. "He is going to be alright" his mother replied, "and soon your father will be with us again. Little Samuel danced with joy when she told him the news, and from outside they could hear the strains of the band playing "Come, Come, Ye Saints" at the end of another day. "Sing to me mother" said little Samuel, and softly in time to the band, his mother began to sing.



THE GLORY OF THE (Celestial) BODY

(1st Corinthians 15, 40)

I have a body
Yea, one that is but dust
And if I rightly use it,
And never do abuse it,
It puts in me a trust.
So use it right I must

I have a body,
One that often suffers pain,
And tires very quickly,
And e'er becomes so sickly
And then gets right as rain,
And is made whole again.

I will have a body,
A body celestial in glory.
Where pain and sin shall be no more,
And no more crying on that shore.
Ah! What a different story,
'Twill be when I reach Glory!

By Sister Alice Renwick,
Catford Branch, London Stake



Sisters Around The World

They grow—scattered between the tares—sown in the field;
Surrounded by thorns that choke the ones that bear no fruit;
But they stand strong—and the Reaper harvests hundredfold;
And binds and casts, the thistles in the fire.

They are sisters—in thought in not in blood,
United by the silver cord of love;
They keep alive the flame of truth and hope;
Preparing for His triumphant second coming.

Whatever their race, kind, creed, or colour—
They live with one mind—one aim in life—
To be gathered into the Creator's barn.

Whether they live on the frozen Arctic plain,
Where the land lies steeped in frosty light,
And the caribou, sore-footed, plod southward in the fall,
And the bold, steppe flower braves the icy wind.
Or wheather they live in a land where the glaring sun
Beats down on the dry hard earth,
Where the wild beast thunders northward
And sends the dust high into the air,
And the Lion, who once ruled the burning plain,
Waitg at the waterhole . . .

Whether they live admidst warfare, strife, and death,
Where a war-torn town is gutted and utters its last breath,
Or whether they live where the wolf plays with the child,
And the scorpion's sting is lost . . .
They are sisters together.

Helen Fenton (15 years)
Wellington Branch
Central British Mission





Directors and staff members of the Millennial Star at the recent board meeting held with Elder James A. Cullimore, Assistant to the Twelve; seated right, in London. From left, front, Gwen Cannon, Pres. Dougald McKeown, Pres. Joseph Hamstead, London Stake; Muriel Cuthbert and Elder Cullimore. Standing, Pres. Frederick W. Oates, Sunderland Stake; Bill Brown-Lee, Pres. Dennis Livesey, Leeds Stake and Alfred E. Haslem, managing director of Target Press, Ltd. printers of the Millennial Star, photo by Monitor C. Noyce, managing editor.

Understand

When a child is disobedient
And you've got to stay your hand,
Take a look into his home life,
Try to understand.

If your friend today seems moody
You must help him if you can,
Don't criticise or argue,
Try to understand.

When trials come upon you
And nothing goes as planned,
God will have his reasons,
Try to understand.

Then happiness is greater,
Peace can take its stand,
The world is seen through better eyes
When you understand.

By Patricia McElderry



William Skea Honoured on 21st Birthday

★ William Gill Skea celebrated his 21st birthday anniversary on 23rd January at a supper and a dance by his parents and members of the Carlisle Branch. Everyone spent a most enjoyable evening.

He was presented a Bible by his father and a travelling clock and a book by Pres. Ramsbottom on behalf of the branch members.

Bill is a Sunday School teacher and second counsellor in the branch presidency.

Elder Millar was also honoured at the same time and presented with a cake for his 21st birthday which he celebrated on 18th January.

Pen Pals Wanted

★ Several Latter-day Saint children in Belgium of various ages are desirous of being pen-pals to English LDS children, some with a view to an eventual holiday exchange.

Any English children interested may send their letters to:

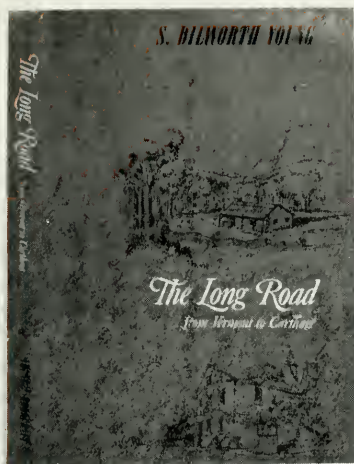
Lynne Kellett
438 Chisee d'Alseberg,
Brusselles 18,
Belgium (Belgique)

Lynne will pass the letters along to the interested children. She says that children and people are very interested to know how the Church is doing in Britain.

Lynne is a missionary in Belgium, having been called from the Cardiff Branch. She has been in the mission field 20 months.



Members of the Relief Society in the Luton Ward, London Stake, at their recent banquet. Jill McMullen, centre, is president. Several priesthood members served the meal in appreciation of the many fine services of the sisters.



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By S. Dilworth Young

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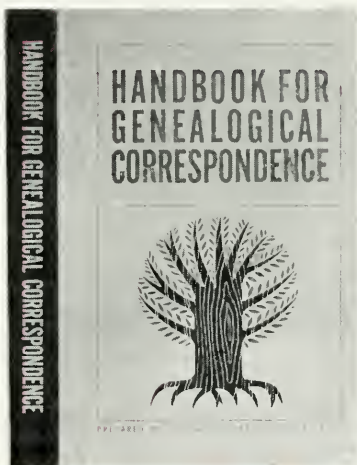
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Feminine Flavoured Church History

By Kenneth W. Godfrey

★ Probably because our Church is priesthood centered, many good teachers forget the great women who have had an impact on Latter-day Saint history. It is true that the prophets have had the greatest effect on the Church and its members, but quiet, selfless mothers exert a profound influence through the home. It is difficult to imagine Joseph F. Smith becoming an apostle without a mother like Mary Fielding, or Heber

J. Grant attaining his prophetic calling without the training he received in the home from a devoted widowed mother. Joseph Smith's mother was among the first to believe his account of the First Vision, which must have been a great comfort to a boy of 14.

When Church leaders are selected, as much attention is frequently given to the kind of wife the man has as to his own great qualities. Thus it becomes

important for every teacher of Church history to stress the profound impact great Mormon mothers and wives have had on the Church and its leaders.

Many Latter-day Saints have given up fame, fortune, and security for the Church. Orson Spencer's wife, a college graduate, was cut off from former associations with prominent friends when she publicly avowed Mormonism. Her parents became so embittered that they refused her admission into their home and advised her that they did not care to correspond with her again.

Then came the year 1846, a year of great decisions. Latter-day Saints had to leave fine homes and productive farms and begin journeying a thousands miles to wrest a new home from a reluctant wilderness. Sister Spencer became seriously ill and was confined to bed in a covered wagon. After five days of rain and sleet while camping at Sugar Creek, she became much worse.

The fifth night the storm increased in its severity. Little streams of water trickled through the holes in the canvas stretched over the wagon, and kind friends held milk pans over the sick wife to catch the water and keep her from being drenched.

Strong Terms

The next morning a messenger arrived in camp from Nauvoo, carrying a letter for Orson Spencer. Previously Elder Spencer had written to his wife's parents to inform them of her ill health and requested that she be allowed to stay with them until she recovered. The letter brought by the messenger contained their answer. There in the cold, the mud, the barrenness, and in awful sickness, his wife heard their reply. They said she might be welcomed back if she would denounce her faith. Should she refuse, there was no place for her in their home.

Sister Spencer listened to the letter

but murmured not a word. As her husband completed it, she turned to him and in a very weak voice asked him to get his Bible and read to her from the sixteenth verse of the first chapter of Ruth. Complying, he read, "And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for wither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

As he ceased reading, a calm, peaceful smile spread over the lovely, refined face of his wife. Her eyelids drooped and closed in sweet, peaceful sleep. She was dead. But her faith helped Elder Spencer, and retelling the story can help many young Latter-day Saints as they make momentous decisions of their own in a twentieth century world.

Zina D. Huntington Young, for many years president of the Relief Society of the Church, was said to be a perfect example of the teachings of Paul in 1 Corinthians 13; yet, with all her tenderness and exquisite delicacy of motive and act, there was a sturdy strength about her character. It is related of her that on one occasion she was told that a certain woman did not like her, whereupon she replied, "Well, I love her, and she can't help herself."

Joseph Smith's Maid

Another courageous Mormon woman was Aunt Jane James, Joseph Smith's maid. Upon hearing of the Prophet's death, she declared she wanted to die too. But the block teachers told her that the Prophet would want her to live. With this assurance she journeyed to Salt Lake City and became a respected woman in the community. In fact, the leading authorities of the Church built a special chair for her, lined with red velvet, and placed it on the stand so that she could be in a conspicuous place at all conferences. Her love for

the Prophet knew no bounds, and she frequently remarked that he was the best man with whom she had ever been associated.

In Salt Lake Valley, women continued to play an important role in Mormon life. Leah Ivins Cardon, daughter of Anthony W. Ivins, tells an incident that happened while she lived in Mexico with her parents. She relates that the most thrilling story of her childhood involved a young girl who stood on a bed of coals without a murmur until her feet burned black and curled up under her, rather than betray her boyfriend into the hands of the Mexican army.

She also relates how her Aunt Maggie Bentley took a little baby and his four brothers and sisters into her home and heart following the death of their mother, "Aunt Gladys." Instead of six in the family, she now had 11. Two months later she rode up the steep dugway to the top of the hill, her own little son in a tiny white box beside her. In her arms was Aunt Gladys' baby.

Remained Faithful

George Q. Cannon's wife preserved the body of her firstborn son so he could be brought back from San Francisco for burial in Zion. Then, while en route to Salt Lake City, her second child, who was only a baby, died. Both children were brought to the valley and tearfully buried. Yet her faith remained secure, and she lived to bear other children and raise a fine family.

Elizabeth I. Pulsipher, who crossed the plains when she was 12 years old, recounted her experiences as follow:

"We went up the Missouri River to Fort Leavenworth, where we met the ox teams. I do not remember how many days we traveled before Mother was run over. She was leaning out of

the wagon to call father to come take the baby, as the driver wanted her to walk, when her feet slipped and she was run over and severely injured. We traveled on four days after she was hurt. Arriving at Fort Laramie, they placed mother in an old log house, which had no doors or windows. There I was left with a helpless mother, a sick baby, and all the children to take care of. There were seven in the family. Though only twelve years old, I was up nearly every night with the sick baby. Father had to work at the Fort for our bread. . .

"I am sure, however, that the Lord was with us and blessed us."

Several Gentiles tried to persuade her father to abandon his effort to gather to Zion and to go back to Omaha with them. The night before they were to leave, Mother Pulsipher had a dream, or vision, in which a man came and stood by her bed and told her not to go back, but to go to Zion.

Ox Train Arrived

He told the mother that there would be two ox trains the next day, and one of them would take the entire family to Salt Lake City.

The next day when the wagon came to take the family back to Omaha, the mother emphatically declared that she would not go. The first ox train arrived but was too loaded to take the family with them. The captain of the second told the father the same thing. All the mother said was, "We're going."

Finally a wagon returned and the stricken family departed for their home in the mountains. The mother was still so sick from her injuries that it was difficult to travel. Elizabeth was required to hold her little sister, who was extremely ill, and on the third day the

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child died. Washing the dead body, clothing it, and sewing it into cloth, because there was no coffin in which to bury the lifeless body, were the tasks of Elizabeth, not yet in her teens. The mother walked for the first time since her accident, to the small grave, and following the funeral she continued walking the rest of the way to the valley.

Another interesting insight into our history concerns the difficulties of Mary Fielding Smith after the death of her husband, Hyrum Smith, and the departure of the saints for the Great Basin. One day her son Joseph F. Smith, who was just a boy, sat in the upper chamber of their Nauvoo home into which ran the pipe of the sitting room stove below, thus making it possible to hear distinctly the voices of those in the sitting room.

The boy knew that his brother John had left secretly, or at least quietly, with the first refugees in the company of Brother Heber C. Kimball. He also knew that his mother would follow with her little family sooner or later. But he was startled to hear the voice of his uncle William Smith lifted in anger with his beloved mother for permitting John to be spirited away.

Voice Startled Him

The boy heard his uncle demand the return of the patriarch's son; and as the mother quietly and firmly refused, he became abusive in his language, and the boy longed for maturity in order that he might defend his helpless mother. Still, Mary Fielding Smith remained firm and unshaken in her allegiance to the gospel and accepted without question the succession of the Twelve to the leadership of the Church.

Mary Ann Stearners Pratt reported

that while living in Kirtland, Ohio, she was shown the Egyptian mummies. "When I saw them," she said, "they frightened me very much—they were dark in colour, and hard as metal, and the cloth they were wrapped in was petrified like the bodies."

Sister Pratt also stated that congregational singing was the favourite part of the Sabbath day worship for her as a little girl. Such songs as "The Spirit of God Like a Fire Is Burning," "Now Let Us Rejoice," "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken," "Redeemer of Israel," were as familiar to her as "her daily breath" and were sung from the heart.

Gifted Women

Speaking of music, the greatest singer in Nauvoo was Susan Devine, and one of the most famous Mormon writers of hymns was Eliza R. Snow, an extremely gifted woman.

Among Church singers, Emma Lucy Gates was supreme. Of international fame, her talent placed her among the greatest sopranos this world has produced. With a range of over three octaves, her silver notes were as true and as "free as a caroling bird's." Miss Gates had the distinction of being the first Utah singer who attained to grand opera. She was the prima donna of the Berlin and Cassell Royal opera houses.

Among women instrumentalists who achieved places of distinction were Sybella Clayton, pianist, and Romania Hyde, violinist. Sister Clayton studied in Germany and was said to have almost a masculine touch on the piano, combined with a delicacy of expression that was at the time almost unsurpassable.

This list, of course, only scratches the surface of great Mormon women musicians.

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Role In Church History

Women have also played their role in Mormon history in terms of the theatrical arts. Such women as Edith Clawson, Lottie Claridge, and Birdie Cummings, through their magnificent portrayals, brightened many a cold winter evening for residents of Salt Lake City. And Mormons turned out en masse to watch such famous actresses as Julia Dean Hayne, for whom Brigham Young had a special sleigh built, which required six horses to draw. The famous Maude Adams stole not only many scenes but also the hearts of Salt Lakers with her delicate and sentimental performances in the old Salt Lake Theatre.

It becomes apparent that the teacher who remembers the role of women in

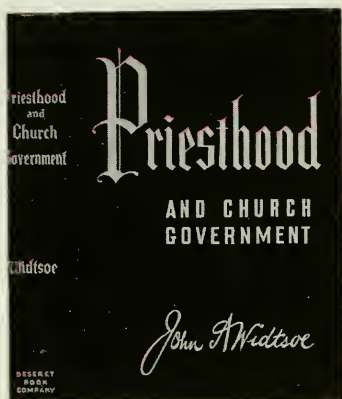
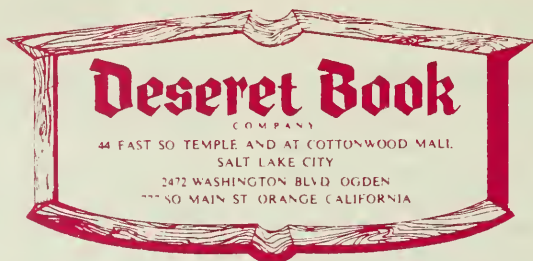
the progress of the Church can enliven his lessons by viewing its history through their eyes.

It becomes easy to identify with our pioneer women as we hear of willing sacrifices they made for the gospel's sake. We can see great enduring faith in the Saviour. We can visualize death, sorrow, and loneliness that were met, conquered, and faced again because of a devotion to a cause these women knew was true. We can capture a glimpse into the happiness of a pioneer dance after a hard day in the fields, the joy of a new birth, the happiness and sorrow of a departing missionary son or father.

And when we are through and the lesson is taught, we find that our own life has changed and we too have greater faith and determination.

★ "The challenge is before us; we cannot fail in the divine commitments given to us as a people. Unity of purpose, with all working in harmony within the structure of Church organizations as revealed by the Lord, is to be our objective. Let each member, teacher, and leader feel the importance of the position that each one holds. All are important to the successful accomplishment of God's work, which is our work."

—President David O. McKay



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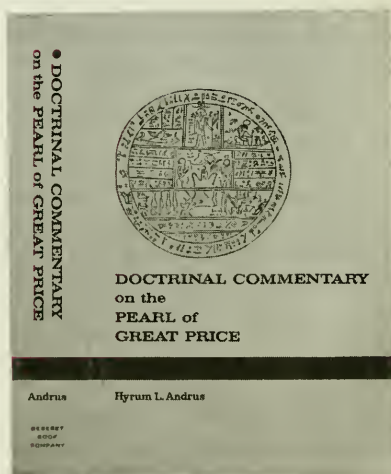
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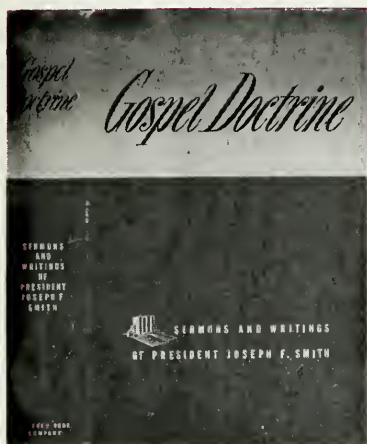
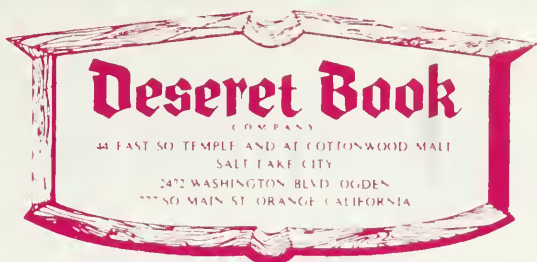
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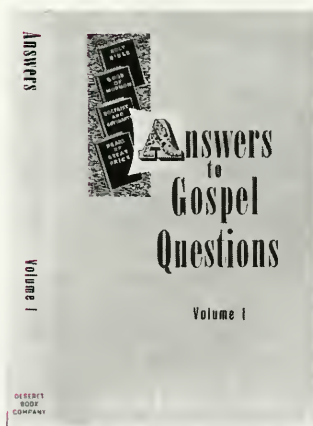
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THE VITALITY OF MORMONISM

★ The following article was written as part of an effort to create better relations with institutions of higher education in London. This article was written by Elder Line J. Larsen and Elder Joseph L. Platt, for the University of London and appeared in the student paper, Jan. 16, 1968.

★ Upon examining the various denominations of the Christian world, the observer comes up against one that is decidedly different. In the face of this apathy over religion, there comes to the front, an organisation known as The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, sometimes referred to as the Mormon Church. Membership in this church has tripled in the last fifteen years. A rate of expansion in strong contrast to the negative direction of most other denominations. There are many who are not aware of the precepts of this religion and for that purpose this article has been written.

The Mormon Church is a world-wide organisation consisting of nearly three million members. One of the outstanding characteristics of this church is the activity of its members. Nearly all active Mormons hold a position of responsibility within their church. Mor-

monism teaches that true growth and development comes from service, not from mere observation. Among all the positions in the church, from Sunday School teacher to First Presidency, no one receives material remuneration for their efforts.

Lose Faith

Statistics show that a high number of students lose faith in God during university years. Among Mormon students the opposite is true. A close study reveals that most of their students leave university with a stronger faith in God.

One of the more remarkable features of the church is its welfare programme. Each year the church spends over a million pounds to help its needy members. All parishes have a complete system of production, distribution, and management.

It is not uncommon for a parish to own and operate its own dairy, ranch, lumber mill, farm, or factory. All the necessary labour from start to finish is donated free of charge by the members of the parishes. Production from parish to parish is determined to meet

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the needs of the church as a whole. Any member in financial trouble can expect help from the church. The Mormon Church teaches very strongly against idleness and for this reason those who for one reason or another are unemployed, if able, are required to work for what they receive. Many physically disabled persons are also employed in church-run projects, as work boosts morale and gives the individual a sense of purpose and accomplishment.

Something To Offer

The Mormon people feel that they definitely have something of worth to offer their fellow-men. For this reason each year some 12,000 young people temporarily leave their homes and schools for an average period of two years to explain the beliefs that they enjoy to others. Surprisingly enough none of this number are actually training for the ministry, but are just ordinary individuals of all types.

The Mormon Church accepts very literally the Bible as the revealed Word of God. They also affirm that Christ during His mortal ministry established a definite organisation, with definite rules, instructions, and authority. They firmly teach that following the death of the apostles in fulfilment of inspired Scriptures, the Church of Jesus Christ

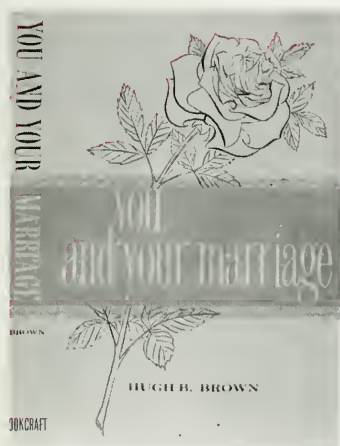
collapsed and degenerated to an earthly body completely out of touch with the heavens. They accept the reformers as honest and sincere men who were trying to do their best, but feel as the reformers themselves indicated, that they did not have the authority of themselves to bring back the Church with its subsequent authority.

Unique

The message of the Mormons is unique in its claims that the Church of Jesus Christ was restored under the direction of Jesus Christ in 1830 with the help of a modern-day prophet named Joseph Smith. The church declares that the restoration of the Gospel included the same doctrines, spiritual gifts, organisations, and authority as that of the primitive Church.

Eduard Meyer, a noted archaeologist and theologian, after spending one year of his precious time in Utah studying the Mormons, had this to say about them: "A striking and irrefutable parallelism supports Mormon claims to revelation, with perfect right they identify themselves with the apostolic church of old. The similarity extends to the faults as well as the virtues of the prophet Joseph Smith and his followers. They may be matched with the faults and virtues of the ancient prophets and the ancient Church."





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by Hugh B. Brown

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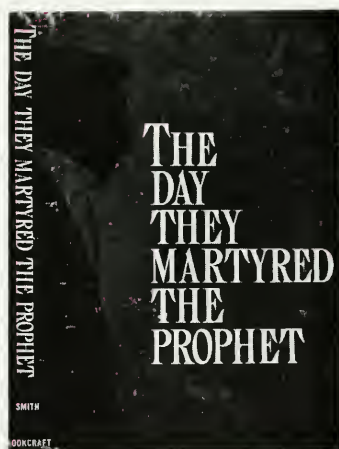
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By Henry A. Smith

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- 13 British, Central British Missions;
Glasgow Stake
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Southwest British Mission
- 27 London, Leeds Stakes


MAY

- 4 British South, North British Missions
- 11 British, Central British Missions
- 18 Southwest British Mission; Man-
chester Stake
- 25 London, Leicester Stakes; Scottish
Mission

Please note new Tuesday schedule at
the London Temple:

Temple sessions on Tuesdays are
now held at 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. for
endowments and at 5 and 6 p.m. for
sealings for the dead.



A photograph of the Salt Lake Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah. The temple is a large, ornate building with many spires and arches. In the foreground, there is a statue of Joseph Smith, who is standing and holding a book. The image has a slightly faded, vintage quality.

Every man lives for himself. Adam was made to open the way of the world, and for dressing the garden. Noah was born to save seed of everything, when the earth was washed of its wickedness by the flood; and the Son of God came into the world to redeem it from the fall. But except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. This eternal truth settles the question of all men's religion. A man may be saved, after judgment, in the terrestrial kingdom, or in the telestial kingdom, but he can never see the celestial kingdom of God, without being born of water and the Spirit.

—Joseph Smith